

the outcome of his long and arduous struggle. He never weakened in his effort, and he never looked backwards. He was determined to win, and he has won. The medical profession from the Atlantic to the Pacific, with one accord, voices its sincere thanks. So it can be said of Dr. Roddick in the words of Goldsmith,

"He learned the luxury of doing good."

THE HOSPITAL ACT OF ONTARIO.

The Act which was passed at the recent session of the Ontario Legislature for the purpose of regulating the hospital work of Ontario is a very important measure; and will improve the hospitals of the province very materially. Mr. Hanna and his able adviser, Dr. Bruce Smith, deserve the fullest recognition for the broad spirit in which they have dealt with this question.

One of the important changes made by the Act is that hospitals may now receive from municipalities, societies, railways, etc., \$1.00 a day for patients and also be entitled to the Government grant. Some years ago this was 40 cents; it was later on raised to 50 cents, and then again to 70 cents. Now it has been advanced to \$1.00. This will be a very great help to the hospitals of the province. It is now well known that the average cost of maintenance is above \$1.00 a day. The money received from municipalities, or other corporations, together with the government allowance of 20 cents a day, will about meet the cost of these cases. Thus, it will be that the gain on private ward patients, and the benefit of donations, will go to the upbuilding of the hospitals.

Another provision in the Act is that all hospitals in the vicinity of a medical college shall allow its charity cases to be used for clinical teaching. The condition is laid down, however, that the teaching shall be done by members of the active staff of these hospitals. These two provisions will do much good, as they will enlarge the opportunities of students and do justice to the members of the hospital staffs by giving them the right to instruct the students on their own cases.

Another provision of much importance is that all hospitals must now make provision for tubercular patients. This is a very necessary section. We have contended that hospitals have not done their duty in this regard. They have denied accommodation to many a very deserving patient, and have lost much in the estimation of the public. The hospitals will now become the nuclei of local sanatoria. The effect of the bill will be to cause the hospitals to provide accommodation for these cases in some extra building, or special ward. In the end it will greatly stimulate givings to the hospitals, especially for this purpose.