

poison rapidly generated and as quickly elevated into the upper regions of the air; but as soon as night returns, the cold consequent upon the cessation of the influence of the heating rays of the sun causes the heavier matter of the atmosphere to descend, and vastly augments the quantity of poison in the air we breathe, and will be sure to produce its effects, be they ague or be they remittent fever, according to the amount of the poison received, and the state of the constitution. Doubtless, a situation immediately on a level with the marsh would experience the most intense influence of the poison, and that a more elevated and distant position would not be so likely to suffer; but it must be remembered, that the atmosphere which contains the poison is submitted to the action of the wind, and whenever a moderate south wind should blow, at particular seasons of the year, it would convey, especially during the night season, a very powerful dose of malaria to locations placed within its range; and that the selected site of the new hospital is one of them, we believe. These reasons, we are inclined to think, should form an objection to the 'Toronto' General Hospital being located at the eastern extremity of the city. It must be confessed that, in all probability, the influence of this malaria would be confined particularly to the season of autumn; but, however slight or temporary this morbid influence may be, it is certain that the patients in hospital should not be submitted to it, if it could by any possibility be avoided; it is certain that there are plenty of places in the city of Toronto that are not subject to this influence.

Lastly, and not least in importance, the location of the Toronto General Hospital in the extreme eastern portion of the city will be a great inconvenience to the medical students, who are obliged to resort to it in search of practical knowledge. It would uselessly occupy a great portion of their valuable time in walking from one place to another; and to the students of the Medical School of Trinity College, it would be a great injustice and almost prevent the possibility of the pupil attending the medical classes and the Hospital at the same time,—the distance between