

thought and work in Canada. The portrait was a gift to the Library by the widow and son, Dr. J. S. Graham.

The prevalence of typhoid fever in Ontario is something which will, no doubt, tax the capabilities of Ontario's new Board of Health. That there were one hundred and thirteen deaths from this disease out of a total of 1,500 cases treated in one month—November—is a condition of affairs which calls for very active work. Some one has recently said that food, fingers and flies is the alliteral tripod upon which the propagation of typhoid fever rests; and that every case of typhoid fever is a crime of the State against the individual. If health bodies are to prove themselves, they must grapple with this subject in dead earnest.

Asylum is a word, as applied to hospitals where patients with mental diseases are admitted, which should rapidly become obsolete. In this connection we note a new and important departure in the Toronto Provincial Hospital. A specialist in pathology has been appointed as clinical director and pathologist, who will devote his entire time to this work. The appointee is Dr. J. H. Fitzgerald, who, after being graduated from Toronto University, has done special study in the neurological and psychological clinics of Johns Hopkins and in the Sheppard and Enoc-Pratt Hospitals. Himself an advanced and progressive alienist, Dr. C. K. Clarke, the superintendent, takes a decided move forward in the study and propagation of psychiatrics in Ontario by securing this appointment. It is fitting this should be inaugurated in the Toronto Provincial Hospital.

Our editorial comment in December issue advocating the medical inspection of schools in Toronto has been productive of a splendid paper, which will be found in this issue, from the pen of Dr. Frank Allport, Chicago, who for ten years has taken a very great deal of active interest in the eyes, ears, noses and throats of school children. It will be sure to be read with great profit by those of our Canadian readers who favor the medical inspection of schools in this country. The whole subject is such a very important one that we commend it, especially now, to the Committee on Papers and Business of the Ontario Medical Association. It is not alone a civic one, but appeals to the Provinces, which have control of our educational matters.