

## Committed to his Charge

in Health Reports, made it mentally obtuse. So far its only epidemic had been senile decay and mental atrophy, each fatal as Yellow Jack if not as quick. Most of the inhabitants took kindly to either or both, and doddered along until death relieved them. But now Slowford can hold its own with the brightest in appendicitis and heart failure. Slowford has grown progressive.

It is not the place to-day it was in Tom Huntley's short reign. The Works have been enlarged, Society has received new blood ; progressive euchre and the Canadian Pacific Railway have swept down upon it and transformed it, and its landmarks, social and otherwise, are no more. Euchre was introduced by an heroic exile returned from the United States, and the boobies who had stood expectant through the ages were at last rewarded. Heroic, truly ; for the man or woman who came with innovation to Slowford held the life in the hand. To be original anywhere involves hard knocks. To be unique in your native village is to invite the conservative eggs in it to your adornment. But progrestive euchre was accepted, although it was "so American."