

ner or else selling out. This is an opportunity which might be availed of by some young medical man with a little capital, and who has had some experience in this direction.

THE NEW CITY HOSPITAL, HAMILTON.—We had the pleasure of a visit to this fine building a few weeks ago, which is almost ready for the reception of patients. The formal opening will take place shortly, and we will then have an opportunity of giving a detailed description of the building

OLD AUTHORS.—Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, in a recent address, alludes to the good things to be got by our going back to some of the older and now neglected authors. He says: "Would you know how to recognize 'male hysteria' and to treat it, take down your Sydenham. Would you read the experience of a physician who was himself the subject of asthma, and who, notwithstanding that, in the words of Dr. Johnson, 'panted on till ninety,' you will find it in the venerable treatise of Sir John Floyer. Would you listen to the story of the king's evil cured by the royal touch, as told by the famous surgeon who fully believed in it, go to Wiseman. Would you get at first hand the description of the spinal disease which long bore his name, do not be startled if I tell you to go to Pott—to Percival Pott, the great surgeon of the last century."

—We have received a copy of the second annual report of the astronomer in charge of the Horological and Thermometric Bureaus in the Observatory of Yale College, by Leonardo Waldo. It contains a number of interesting statements concerning their work with reference to the correction of physicians' clinical thermometers. During the year, 3811 thermometers have been examined and returned to the owners with certificates. It is found that considerable improvement is being made in the manufacture of clinical instruments in the United States. Experiments have been made with a view of discovering some ready test by which one could estimate, with any particular instrument, the time required for obtaining the maximum reading; but this has not yet been obtained. The variations in