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· THE KINGSTON GENERAL HOSPITAL.

ON December the 24th, 1897, the Watkins wing of the Kingston General Hospital was destroyed by fire. As this wing contained the private wards for general medical and surgical cases the loss was a double one. The building was destroyed and would have to be restored. The private wards were for a time lost, and the revenue heretofore obtained from them would not appear in the receipts of the institution. The Board of Governors took prompt action. A meeting was held on Christmas day, and it was unanimously decided that the wing must be restored and improved. It was felt that now was an opportune time to introduce into the Watkins wing modern conveniences and necessities which the old building had not contained. To make the Kingston General Hospital modern and fully equipped in all its departments it was felt that several additions must be made. The Watkins wing must be restored and enlarged, the rooms being decreased in size and increased in number. It was further decided that as it has now been clearly demonstrated that Tuberculosis is an infectious disease provision must be made for the isolation of patients suffering from this insidious and fatal enemy of mankind. It was, therefore, agreed to provide two rooms in the upper story of the main building for such patients—one for males and one for females. One improvement necessitated another. As the new Watkins wing would be a three-storied building, and as the fourth floor of the main building would in future be occupied by patients suffering from tuberculosis, it was