

she did get up and walk. One day some friends called, and in the conversation down-stairs she was forgotten. In her anxiety to see her friends she forgot her paralysis and hurried down-stairs.

A few years ago, a man drove around the streets of Toronto done up in a plaster jacket. One day in a fit of religious emotion he threw away his jacket and took to his feet, and preached afterwards for the Doweyites.

The case of the "wonderful cure" wrought on a certain young woman, who afterwards by repeated marriages, become known to the world as Mary Baker Glover Eddy, is another example of hysteria "cured." Yet she became a "prophetess" and thousands believe in her nonsense, taught in her book, "Science and Health"

And the procession of these cases goes on from age to age. We read of the dancing maniacs of the middle ages, of Tarantulum, etc. There are always the hysterics with us and there is always someone who claims to have "healing power," and did some very bad and ignorant things in days gone by. With these people, usually in some remote village, or behind some mountain, the hysterics betake themselves. The results is the newspapers have some more "cures" to publish, and the gullible have some "marvellous news" to read.

THE HOSPITAL PROBLEM IN TORONTO.

This problem comes up from time to time, and will not down until a proper solution for it has been found. There are poor in all large cities that call for care, hospital accomodation, and treatment when they fall sick, or become injured. There are others who need rest rather than hospital treatment.

The hospitals of Toronto have always cared for the city's poor on a losing basis. At no time in the past has the city contributed a daily amount to the hospitals that would meet the daily cost of patients received into the wards. In addition to these patients the hospitals have maintained at their own cost a free out-door department for the relief of poor patients. These out-door departments have proved heavy drains upon the resources of the hospitals.

Now, the hospitals furnish the management, the medical and surgical attention required, and the nursing. The value of these cannot be put in dollars. It is only reasonable and right that the city should pay the actual cost of the food, drugs, and running expenses in caring for these interne and externe cases.

It is now in the air that the Toronto General Hospital will ask the city for an annual grant of \$50,000 a year. At four per cent. this is