

or hospital gangrene, with those afflicted with ordinary simple diseases.

Is it less unreasonable or inhuman to huddle together in an Asylum, devoid of the means of classification, a multitude of insane people, manifesting every imaginable form and degree of mental and moral alienation?

The large size of a Lunatic Asylum no more constitutes the difficulty of its government than does the large size of a steamboat, or a vessel of war; a vigilant and discreet commander will make his voyage safely, despite the bulk of his ship.

Even in our Common Schools, which are peopled with less refractory inmates than our Lunatic Asylums, the importance of classification is duly appreciated, and is generally provided for. The cultivation and improvement of the sound mind is certainly not a more difficult task than the cure of the diseased mind. If a school has been commenced on a large scale, and left unfinished until its existing class rooms have, from the increase of pupils, become overcrowded, would it be advisable to leave it unfinished, and oblige the tutors to teach in the same rooms various branches of science and learning? Would it be wise to waste time in discussing the question of enlargement, when one hundred new pupils were begging entrance?

If the Toronto Asylum has been based on too large a scale let it be abandoned, and applied to some other purpose. To continue to use it as an insane hospital in its present incomplete state, and to cram into it as many lunatics as would fill it when complete, is certainly a thousand times more absurd and inhuman than to carry out the original design, which was not adopted without due consideration.