

male attendants; 12 to 14 in summer. Women attendants have 5 to 6 dollars a month, or £12 to £15 a year. With a higher class, it might no longer be an irony to speak, as the chaplain does in one of the Reports, of "the good and virtuous keepers who are selected with great discernment."

I venture also to express the hope, in conclusion, that the Province of Quebec will itself undertake the responsibility of providing the necessary accommodation for its insane poor and their skilful treatment, that a resident medical superintendent, with full authority, will be appointed, and that there will be a Board of Management, as well as really efficient inspectors.

Since this article was written, the following has appeared in the "Canada Medical and Surgical Journal," November, 1884:—

"At a largely attended meeting of the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Montreal, held on Nov. 7, the following resolutions were unanimously passed:—

"1. That this Society has every reason to believe that the statements contained in the Report of Dr. D. Hack Tuke, of London, England, upon our Provincial Lunatic Asylums, are, in every material respect, true and well-founded.

"2. That these statements show a most lamentable state of things as regards the general, and especially the medical, management of these Institutions.

"3. That it appears to this Society to be the imperative duty of the Provincial Government to institute a thorough investigation by competent persons into the entire system of management of the insane poor in this Province.

"4. That the 'farming' or 'contract' system, either by private individuals or by private corporations, has been everywhere practically abandoned, as being prejudicial to the best interests of the insane, and producing the minimum of cures.

"5. That in the opinion of this Society all establishments for the treatment of the insane should be owned, directed, controlled and supervised by the Government itself, without the intervention of any intermediate party.

"6. That the degree of restraint known to be employed in our provincial asylums is, according to the views of the best modern authorities, excessive. That the ablest European, American, and also Canadian alienists have almost entirely given up any method of mechanical restraint. That these facts call urgently, in the name of humanity, for reform in this direction in our provincial asylums.

"That this Society concurs fully in the opinion already expressed by Dr. Tuke in his Report, to the effect that 'the authority of the Visiting Physician (Dr. Henry Howard), appointed and paid by the Government, has been hitherto almost, if not entirely, *nil*. His hands have been so tied that he could not be held responsible for the way in which the asylum has been managed.'"