

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS OF
THE PROTESTANT HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

The Board of Governors have the honor to present their Seventh Annual Report, comprising a condensed account of the operations of the Institution for the past year, taken from the general and exhaustive report of the Medical Superintendent, the General Secretary's report, and the financial statement.

By the Medical Superintendent's report (which, as hitherto, is a most complete and comprehensive one, and should be carefully read by all interested in this Institution, and in alienistic work), you will see that the total admissions for the year were 103, an increase of two over the preceding year. Total number under treatment, 290, as compared with 269 last year.

The City of Montreal and County of Hochelaga furnished 58 of the 103 admitted; the others are from England, 16; Ireland, 9; Scotland, 4; United States, 4; Russia, 3; and Holland, Newfoundland, Norway, Poland, and Roumania, 1 each.

The causative agency of the trouble, and the chances for recovery, are all carefully considered and analyzed by Dr. Burgess, showing the average duration of insanity prior to admission to be about $1\frac{2}{3}$ years, and he again deplores the apathy or unwillingness of those whose duty it may be to secure immediate medical attention for the afflicted. "Were it possible," he says, "to have all the insane receive proper hospital treatment on the first appearance of the symptoms the results obtained would be far ahead of anything now seen, and yards devised for hospital purposes would not become mere asylums for incurables."

Dr. Burgess believes that if cases (uncomplicated with organic disease) were promptly and properly treated, say within a month of the onset, from 70 to 80 percent would be restored to their homes, whereas if the treatment be delayed for a year or more 10 percent would be a good record of recoveries—certainly a most startling comparative statement, yet we all know how reliable and cautious the Doctor is in all he says and writes. In referring to the July number