

son, Geo. Pattinson, M.P.P.; T. H. Preston, ex-M.P.P.; F. G. Macdiarmid, M.P.P.; Property Commissioner R. C. Harris, Warden Gilmour, of the Central Prison; A. Studholme, M.P.P.; E. R. Rogers, Warden Platt, of Kingston Penitentiary; S. A. Armstrong, Colin Postlethwaite, Dr. Bruce Smith, J. J. Kelso, J. S. Willison, J. A. Macdonald, Governor Chambers, of Toronto Jail; W. K. McNaught, M.P.P.; John Shaw, M.P.P.

MAYOR OLIVER'S WELCOME.

Many philanthropic persons and officials of jails and charitable institutions were present at the second day's session of the Canadian Conference of Charities and Correction, which opened in the Normal School theatre in the afternoon. Mayor Oliver officially welcomed this body to the city and he referred to the great good that could be effected by the association in bettering the methods of administering public institutions. The chair was occupied by Sheriff Donald M. Cameron, of London.

It was determined to present a memorial to the Dominion Government on the need for appointing psychiatric hospitals for the treatment of persons who were not chronically insane. A committee will deliberate on the treatment of feeble-minded women.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

The feature of the morning session was the annual address of the president, Dr. Bruce Smith, who treated mainly of prison systems and their cost. During the past year over \$3,500,000 was spent in Ontario in caring for its defectives, delinquents and dependants. Canada was deplorably behind other countries in its methods of dealing with prisoners and its measures to reform first offenders. For many years the province had clung to a system of penal administration that had proved futile in the older countries, many of which had reformed their methods. The torture idea of punishment had persisted too long. The offence, and not the offender, has been held too much in view. All feeling and thought of revenge and vindictive punishment had to be put away. Society must deal with the prisoner for his betterment, and it was only just, there should be thrown about him conditions and opportunities for right and decent living. He should be treated, not as a hopeless outcast, but as an individual with a human history. The probation and indeterminate sentence systems were then described. In Ontario at least 500 feeble-minded girls were without proper protection.

HOSPITAL METHODS.

Dr. C. K. Clarke, Toronto, delivered an address on "Modern Hospital Methods for the Insane." Much good could be effected by treat-