

The relative proportionate number of discharges in each series is nearly similar.

Thus then, when the Inspectors recommended that the total population of the Toronto Asylum should be increased to 400, they made a recommendation which was useful to society, and prompted by what they deemed a wise economy, while they in no wise compromised the interests defended, to the exclusion of all others, by Dr. Workman.

The Inspectors, for their part, have to deal with the families who exclaim against the practice of allowing lunatics to wander at large,—with the municipal and prison authorities, who protest against the sending of the lunatics to the gaols,—with political men, who consider the expenditure of the public institutions enormous,—and with lunacists of high standing, who are unwilling to crowd their asylums. The public may thus judge of the difficulty of the situation.

As the question stands, however, the Inspectors are of opinion that the least evil is the crowding of asylums we already have to their full extent, until the Government see fit to relieve them and the out-door lunatic population, by erecting new ones.

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