

residence at the end of the month that we had at the first. Of these fifty discharged, two died, ten were sent to the Hospital for the Insane, and thirty-eight were sent home, and the interesting point is that although social conditions are very hard outside during this winter, still these patients are not being sent back.

We hope some time to have a modern Reception Hospital. It may not reach Dr. Clarke's ideal of a psychiatric clinic, but now is the time for the medical profession to insist on an up-to-date, modern Reception Hospital for the treatment of early mental cases. The Queen Street Hospital for the Insane is going to Whitby some time during the next year or two. The present Reception Hospital is in temporary quarters. The property may be sold any day, and we will have to move out. When the Queen Street hospital goes to Whitby we have to have some place for the temporary care of acute cases. Now is the time for the medical profession to insist that that new place shall be reasonably equipped with all the modern facilities for doing scientific work. We must have a good staff of trained nurses, we must have good laboratories, and a capable staff of medical men. Good work cannot be done without good physicians, good nurses and good laboratories. The medical men in Toronto must refuse to accept a make-shift. Any old building will not do for the care of acute mental cases, and now is the time to insist that we must have suitable headquarters.

We could make our discharge list larger if we had a proper system of after-care, carried on by trained mental nurses. This might be managed by the Public Health Department of the city of Toronto.

A great deal has been said to-night about insanity being hereditary. There is just a possibility that this idea has been overdone. The influence of environment has been underestimated, and, I believe, it is possible to take any child of three years of age and so treat him, or rather mistreat him, as to make for him a paranoid disposition, a hysterical condition, or a neuropathic tendency. He may be made a hypochondriac. In fact, I believe, that we can develop almost any form of mental disease by the improper care and treatment of children.

THE NEED FOR NEUROLOGICAL WARDS.

Dr. Campbell Meyers congratulated the chairman on this most successful and interesting meeting. He thought the account of the work done at the Reception Hospital by Dr. Clare Clare marks the beginning of a new era in the care of the insane. While entirely in sympathy with the remarks of the previous speakers in regard to the prophylactic measures to be taken for the prevention of insanity—especially in re-