

for Inebriates,—with special arrangements for scientific medical treatment.

This action on the part of the city—though long delayed—is most gratifying, as such an institution, properly managed, should be the means of restoring to useful citizenship a good percentage of the more hopeful class of cases, and moreover, should serve as an object-lesson for other municipalities, and for the Government as well. The question arises, however: Should the entire cost of a Reformatory for Inebriates fall upon the ratepayers of the municipality where it is established? Or should not the Government, in this matter, follow the generous example of the Mother Country?

When Hon. John Sanfield McDonald took office as the First Premier of Ontario, there were but two Poor Houses or Houses of Industry in the entire Province. He passed an Act offering a substantial bonus to every County, or United Counties, in the Province, to encourage the establishment of such institutions, and with such good effect that now, if I mistake not, a Poor House is already established, or is being established, in every County or group of Counties in Ontario. May we not hope that the Whitney Government, following such a wise precedent, will, in like manner, pass an Act in the very near future, offering, like the Home Government, liberal inducements for the establishment of reformatory institutions for inebriates in the Province?

May we not hope that the present session of the Ontario Legislature will not be allowed to pass without introduction, by the Government, of an adequate measure whereby efficient provision shall be made with a view to the reformation of indigent and police court inebriates throughout the entire province. We are also desirous that a substantial increase be made to the small grant now made to the Ontario Society for the Reformation of Inebriates. If you find that you can favor these suggestions we will be much gratified.

On behalf of this Society,

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