

Jackson, Brown Sequard, Eulenburg, Guttman, W. W. Ireland, and there are a host of French writers, besides the men outside of the profession, such as Emel, Du Bois, Reymond, Tyndall, &c. ; yet, gentlemen, strange to say, perhaps there never was a time when mental diseases were so little known to, or studied by the medical practitioner. The reason is obvious. As civilization advanced, and science showed insanity to be disease, the treatment of the insane became more humane, and instead of this class being allowed to wander as outcasts about the country, asylums have been provided for those suffering from mental and neuralgic diseases, such as epilepsy, as well as for the imbecile and idiot. No one will deny but this is as it should be ; but it has taken away all chance from the medical student and medical man of clinical study of the insane, as well as the study of the pathological ravages made by disease on man's nervous system. Generally speaking, for many very obvious reasons our insane asylums are too far from our cities to give medical students clinical instruction. Again, our asylums are such that a crowd of medical students would derange the whole establishment, and be injurious to the patients. Again, the medical officer of an asylum—for example, myself, as at present situated,—would have no time to give clinical instruction. Now, gentlemen, I have often thought of this anomalous position of medical men, particularly since the late Order in Council in this Province—a very necessary order—compelling medical men, when giving certificates of insanity, to make a solemn affirmation to their certificates before a magistrate. If you knew as much, gentlemen, as I do, you would see how necessary that Order in Council was. Well, I have, as I have said, often thought of this your position, and as to how it could be remedied, so as that your medical students could get clinical instruction on mental diseases. My idea is that if you made arrangements in your hospital, say for four or six patients, one-half male, the other half female, that, by petition, the Provincial Government could be got to consent to allow me, or who ever takes my place after me, to transfer, from time to time, patients from the asylum, for clinical purposes, to your hospital. I do not mean to enter into details,