

The average admissions here, for the last $12\frac{1}{2}$ years, from the city of Toronto, have been about 23 per annum.

The average of deaths has been nearly 32 annually. If our admissions continue, as I think they must, to fall off annually, our discharges also will be reduced. Suppose the average discharges for the next three years to be 40 per year, we should then have, from deaths and discharges, 72 vacancies per year, of which the city of Toronto will require, or at all events will demand (and not always very courteously), one-third. The people of Toronto appear to regard this Asylum as intended mainly for their benefit, and *secondarily* for that of the rest of the province. If a Toronto lunatic is not admitted the moment the application, or rather the demand, is made, something more than mere astonishment is manifested; and it is a fruitless work to endeavour to shew the applicant that patients cannot be admitted when vacancies for them do not exist, or that lunatics who have been waiting for admission for months, in distant parts, and often in the county gaols, should have prior consideration.

At the commencement of 1865 there were resident in the chief Asylum and the University Branch, 87 lunatics sent in by the city, and in the Malden and Orillia Asylums 29 more, making in all 116 persons, supported, nearly all, at the cost of the province. This number includes the patients admitted prior to July, 1853, some of whom have been Asylum residents over 20 years.

It is very doubtful if the citizens of Toronto entertain any adequate conception of the extent of benefit derived by them from the presence of the Asylum. It would be cruel to expect from them gratitude; for as that word, in reference to national benefactions, means a pleasing anticipation of future advantages, and these are unlikely to be so large as heretofore, it would be foolish to suppose that they will fall into any such indiscretion. Some of the more refined residents of the west end have complained of the Branch Asylum, in the University grounds, as a nuisance which Government ought to remove immediately. I wish, for my part, it was removed, or could be removed. If the city would assume the support of the 87 chronic cases belonging to Toronto, lodged in the chief Asylum and the branch, we might dispense at

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