

In fact, it may be claimed from the results obtained so far that at Orillia, as at Bicêtre, there is a possibility of ameliorating, in a very evident manner, the condition of the majority of feeble-minded children, and of elevating the intellectual condition of many of them to a degree sufficient to make them fit to live in society, on condition however, that the treatment is begun at an early date.

This, certainly, must give great encouragement and satisfaction to practitioners, who reflect on the results realized nowadays in a class of cases, which, not long since, were looked on as hopeless.

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THE FIRST BLOOD SPILT.

THE Commissioners of Charities in New York have been finally moved to undo the villainous and dirty work perpetrated by a batch of unprincipled conspirators of the medical profession of that place two years ago. The fourth division of Bellevue Hospital the Commissioners have taken into their own hands. Its candidate for Dr. Dana's place—one of their clique—the Commissioners ignored, and, instead, very properly appointed on their own account, Dr. Charles Nammack, a man who refused to be a hireling, and one of the most noted physicians in New York.

Let us now hope that the profession may press on and wipe away the scandal of '95, and restore every practitioner unjustly displaced.

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RETALIATION.

OUR readers will observe that the editorial entitled "First Blood Spilt," is couched in vigorous language. Apart from the arena, as we are in Canada, we can still easily understand the lengths some professional men will go to obtain position or preferment in a metropolitan hospital. In our profession, as practised to-day in large centres, the specialist uses the hospital as a highway to fame, giving his services to the poor gratis. Having, later on, obtained a post on the staff of some medical school, he poses as an authority and gets high fees for his services as a consultant. Where rival candidates strive for the coveted honor of being a hospital physician, there must necessarily be ill-blood between the rejected