

The most hopeful cases in many instances never pass out of the hands of the general practitioner, and for this reason our statistics are exaggerated in their hopeless aspect.

With this divergence of opinion in my mind I thought it would be interesting to ascertain what had been the result in the different Ontario institutions for the insane; and I accordingly wrote to some of the medical gentlemen connected with them for a statement, and they have been kind enough to send me the following :—

	Admissions.	Due to Typhoid.	Recovered.	Incurable.
London Asylum.....	2,000	20	7	13
*Toronto ".....				
Hamilton ".....	3,604	17	3	14
Brockville ".....	744	4	0	4
Kingston ".....	2,066	17	2	15
*Mimico ".....				

*No returns received.

These are the figures as nearly as we can get at them. The recovery rate is a very low one indeed, being 20 per ct. There being in all 58 cases with insanity due to Typhoid. Twelve recovered, and 46 became chronic.

Contrary to the usual time for the appearance of insanity, we find that it is in the developmental stage of mind that typhoid is most likely to produce its most pernicious effects on the brain. Last summer I saw a case of a bright collegiate boy, aet. 14, who was affected mentally after undergoing a usual course of typhoid fever. He had no acute mental symptoms, but when spoken to he would respond very quickly and sharply. He would laugh in a foolish manner and fancied he was playing a part out of some dime novel. He loved to get his little brothers fighting. His father took him out sailing regularly for his health, and on one occasion, while there was a good stiff breeze blowing, he gave this boy the tiller while he managed the sails. The boy, realizing his father's position, handled the boat in a most reckless manner, much to his amusement and his father's discomfort. There was marked perversion of moral nature in this case, and a complete change from former conduct. I was much interested in this case and wrote his physician, who kindly makes the following report: "He has not made the progress I would have wished