

the work it has done already proves that the city of Toronto could not do without such an institution. The Reception Hospital, however, is only the commencement. It has already done excellent work and from it must be evolved the greater institution with the psychiatric clinic and the laboratory advantages that will follow, not only on behalf of the patients, but also as a means of educating medical students to recognize the early signs and symptoms of insanity and thus enable them to join in what promises to be one of the widest fields for usefulness in preventative medicine in the future. Politics cut no figure in the control of the Provincial Hospitals for the Insane in Ontario. In fact, there is nothing like the interference that we sometimes see in the general hospitals by their local boards.

No longer, he said, are our institutions called asylums, but hospitals, conducted on the most modern lines. Each patient of the 7,017 now in residence is given individual study. Each has a clinical record and the establishment of training schools for nurses gives to the patients hospital care and attention that indicate a progress that is most commendable.

Dr. Smith said he looked forward to the time in the not distant future when Ontario would have at Toronto a Reception Hospital for the Insane with a psychiatric clinic in connection therewith on lines broader and better than had ever been attained in any country, notwithstanding the discouraging and discordant note that, unfortunately, had been introduced in the evening's discussion which, the Doctor said, he considered as uncalled for as it was unwarranted.

THE VALUE OF A PSYCHIATRIC CLINIC.

Dr. Harvey Clare, in discussing the papers, said: I am pleased to agree with Dr. Clarke concerning the curative benefit of a psychiatric clinic. Some days ago I feared that Dr. Clarke was taking a pessimistic view concerning recoveries, but if we have the proper equipment the percentage of our recoveries will increase. Since opening the Reception Hospital we have received 298 patients and 199 of these have not been sent to the Hospital for the Insane, but instead have been improved sufficiently to go to their homes. Ninety-nine have been transferred to the Hospitals for the Insane. This is only about one-third, or thirty per cent. All of these cases were of a type that some one had suspected them of being insane, and had recommended their treatment in the Reception Hospital.

During one month, November, we admitted fifty patients and discharged fifty patients, that is, we had the same number of patients in