

RESEARCH.

Preventive medicine is very properly becoming the aim of the modern physician. The best minds in active professional duties, as well as amongst those who are spending their lives in scientific research, are devoting their energies not so much to cure as to prevent. Every disease leaves its scar, whether it be a disease of the mind or a disease of the body, and this scar tissue is liable to break again in the physical, as well as in the mental life. How great is the interest of humanity in the prevention of disease. Clinical methods can be of great service in this direction, but the clinician cannot do all. The laboratory must contribute its share. The lives of Pasteur, Koch, Manson and others, through their scientific labours, have revolutionized modern medicine.

In psychiatry the clinician cannot do all. There must be scientific research. There must be laboratory investigation. There must be men who, devoted to the ends in view, will in the silence of their laboratories, and divested of administrative duties, seek earnestly the light. It may not appear to-day or to-morrow, but dawn it will.

Problems more obscure have been solved, and in their solution have brought untold blessings to humanity. Up to the present time this Province has contributed little of a scientific character to the study of insanity. Ontario will do well to contribute of her energy, of her great and varied resources in intellect and material wealth, to search for that which has not yet been revealed. Ontario needs no justification in seeking, even at some sacrifice, the cause and thus the prevention of a disease the most dreaded of human afflictions; and Ontario will do her duty.
