

requirements ; and would hardly ever be made until the evil resulting from its procrastination had assumed a magnitude and intensity no longer to be ignored.

If the provincial exchequer make provision for the primary treatment of insanity in curative hospitals, and afford to every case requiring asylum benefit the privilege of residence for a definite period—say two years—it appears to me it would have done all that should be expected from it. After this period, the support of the unrecovered should be devolved on the respective municipalities ; but the measure of support, and the mode of administering it, should not at all be left at the option of these corporations. Should this error be committed, we should, in a few years, find the condition of the incurable insane in Canada as disgraceful, and as indicative of public barbarity, as it has been shewn to be in the State of New York.

A system of unions of counties, under which a Secondary Asylum would be established for about every 250,000 inhabitants, would give us, in all, to commence with, six such Asylums, which might be, as concerned the respective districts, central or not so. It would, perhaps, be better to place them excentrally, so that when, from further requirement, additional buildings would be called for, the second would be central for one-half the district, and the first for the other half.

The ten eastern counties, Prescott, Glengarry, Stormont, Russell, Carleton, Dundas, Lanark, Renfrew, Grenville and Leeds, with Ottawa City added, have an aggregate population of 236,560. These ten counties are surely able, and no doubt would be willing to provide one of the proposed Secondary Asylums. Three very suitable localities, Cornwall, Ottawa, and Brockville or Prescott, each with railway facilities, present themselves.

The counties of Frontenac, Lennox and Addington, Hastings, Prince Edward, Northumberland, Durham, Peterboro' and Victoria, with the city of Kingston added, have an aggregate population of 262,328.

Napanee, Belleville, Cobourg and Peterboro', present to us excellent locations for this district.

The counties of Ontario, York, Simcoe, Peel and Halton, with the city of Toronto, have 263,029 inhabitants.