

reminder of two things that have been of unspeakable advantage to Queen's—the personality and administrative work of Principal Grant, and the enthusiastic and self-sacrificing devotion of the Alumni to the interests of their Alma Mater. No more fitting monument could have been erected to a man for whom mere prestige had immeasurably less attraction than the opportunity of rendering others a service.”

THE TREATMENT OF INCIPIENT INSANITY.

Professor Algernon Temple in his opening lecture, in speaking of the advances in medicine during the last fifty years, referred especially to the treatment of the insane. He told us that half a century ago those suffering from the loss of reason were separated from their fellows and subjected to restraint, confinement, torture, chains and fetters, while to-day they are treated in a more rational and kindly manner.

Dr. James Russell, of the Hamilton Asylum, has recently prepared an able and interesting paper, entitled “A Plea for the Voluntary Admission of Certain Types of Insanity to Institutions for the Insane,” which we are kindly allowed to publish in this issue. The author had recently a pleasing experience with a gentleman who voluntarily entered his asylum and was thus saved the humiliation of undergoing examination and being certified as a lunatic before admission. The patient was also treated in an isolated building instead of being compelled to mingle with the ordinary inmates. We can conceive of nothing more satisfactory than such a line of treatment for any broken-down neurasthenic who is threatened with lunacy.

Dr. Russell gives emphasis to the fact that many mental disorders are functional rather than organic; but with delay in treatment there is always danger of the formation of a morbid brain habit which tends to chronicity. Early treatment under the discipline of institutional life is absolutely necessary for many patients thus afflicted. The various “rest cures,” with a few exceptions, have not proved satisfactory. Dr. Russell considers that provision should be made for all classes of patients suffering from threatened, incipient and acute insanity