the patient is unable to swallow. Bleeding, if necessary, to prevent apoplexy and pulmonary ædema. If the os and vagina are rigid Cæsarean Section is better than a long and forced labor. Do not put the patient in a hot room and in packs to force perspiration. This removes fluids only and concentrates the poison in the system.

## THE INSANE AT LARGE.

On several occasions we have commented on the fact that many insane persons are not properly cared for. Almost every day one reads in the papers of terrible crimes being committed by the insane.

The officers of the law cannot be supposed to know of these persons. What the law can demand, however, is this that if any one harbors an insane person they will be made responsible for the acts of that person.

To save themselves friends of the insane would adopt proper measures to safeguard the public, or have the insane person committed to a proper institution.

## CANCER OF THE UTERUS.

In another portion we give the report of the Committee of the British Medical Association on Cancer of the Uterus. We commend it to the attention of our readers and trust that they may be able to render some assistance in this matter. We think that the medical profession has been remiss in its duty in not warning the women patients to note the early manifestations of the disease and give them prompt attention.

## THE ACADEMY OF MEDICINE, TORONTO.

The second annual meeting of the Academy of Medicine, of Toronto, was held on 4th May, 1909. The reports of the various officers and committees were of a very satisfactory character, and indicated a very healthy condition in the affairs of the academy.

The officers for the year 1909-10 are as follows:—President, Dr. A. McPhedran; Vice-President, Dr. A. A. MacDonald; Hon.-Sec., Dr. H. J. Hamilton; Hon.-Treas., Dr. D. J. Gibb Wishart; Councillors, Drs. W. H. B. Aikins, N. A. Powell, E. E. King, A. H. Perfect, John Ferguson, J. M. Cotton, W. McKeown, F. N. G. Starr; Chairman of Sections, Medicine, Dr. Harley Smith; Surgery, Dr. A. Primrose; Pathology,