

for anyone at the present day to attempt a defence of the farming system, but in spite of that, we are obliged to say as we have already said, that no change in the direction of the modern treatment of our lunatics is to be hoped for. The nuns will get a new contract and will go on in the old way. The whole community was stirred by the simple narration of the facts gathered by Dr. Tuke at his inspection of the establishment. Some people, more sanguine than those who know the Province better, believed that this event was bound to lay the foundation of a new era. But public interest in the matter soon began to flag; no sturdy philanthropists appeared to keep the matter under discussion and by frequent repetition prevent a too-easily satisfied public from relapsing into its former apathy. Thus, after a few months, new topics of interest took the place of that of asylum-management, and everything has been going on as before. Then came the great fire and its dreadful loss of life. The newspapers point out that the duty of the Government is to re-consider the entire question, and especially to take over the direct care and management of their helpless wards. That duty is as clear as day; but, will they do it? As already stated, all information goes to show that that duty will not be performed—but that in this matter we shall remain, as heretofore, a standing reproach and a shame.

CHANGES IN MCGILL.

The old friends of Dr. Fenwick will regret to learn that, owing to impaired health, he has been obliged to resign his professorship in McGill University. As Demonstrator of Anatomy, as Professor of Clinical Surgery, and now for many years as Professor of Surgery, Dr. Fenwick has done admirable teaching work, has well maintained the high reputation of his department bequeathed to him by Dr. Geo. Campbell, and has taken a large part in moulding the present generation of Canadian practitioners. His keen interest in matters of surgical progress has never abated, and his great operative skill yet remains to him. He has won a well-merited rest from the laborious work of teaching,