

regarded as a traitor to his trust. The natural beauty of the situation of the Institution, with the lawns sloping to the banks of Lake Ontario, lends a soothing influence and gives a most delightful and healthful situation. The tone of cheerfulness is kept up by healthy amusements. In summer there are lawn bowling, cricket, tennis, boating and bathing. In winter, curling is the out-door amusement chiefly indulged in. The Institution itself is large, well lighted and heated, ventilation and sanitary appliances excellent. These cheerful home-like surroundings all have their own influence for good. I submit this paper, gentlemen, not trying to convey the impression that this is the only or best plan for treatment of alcoholism, but simply as a method which has proved very successful in my own limited experience.

I will conclude by stating that intemperance in all its stages may be not only checked and mitigated, but in many cases permanently cured, and the subject fully restored to his normal condition of health and sobriety. Such results may not be reached by the final and utter extinction of the morbid desire for alcohol, so much as by a development and cultivation of opposing and ennobling qualities, which by their vital action hold the depraved mental tendencies of the subject in constant and absolute subjection, so that they become as inoperative as if they did not exist.

Reports of Societies

TORONTO CLINICAL SOCIETY.

Stated Meeting, February 7th, 1900. *Fellows present:* Dr. Aikins, the vice-president, in the chair; Pepler, King, Silverthorn, Barrick, Lehman, Boyd, Trow, C. Temple, Ross, Fenton, Thistle, McIlwraith, Rudolf, Chambers, and Elliott. *Visitors:* Dr. Dunsmore, Oakville; Dr. Wrinch, St. Michael's Hospital, and Dr. Goldie.

RADICAL CURE OF HERNIA (INGUINAL) IN A PATIENT 75 YEARS OLD.

DR. W. H. PEPLER presented this patient, an old man of seventy-five years. He first presented himself to the doctor in the summer of 1898. Suddenly while walking on the street the man noticed a lump; felt something give way, and noticed a swelling in the right groin. On examination, a right inguinal hernia was found; and a truss was ordered applied. Several of