

and treatment of the mentally afflicted.

Hospital improvement and expansion are going on in Halifax, and with the development of the new Children's Hospital, improved facilities will be available for teaching in Pædiatrics.

But it now still remains that I should make special reference to the bulletin's aspersions as to the College Laboratory for the teaching of Pathology, Bacteriology, and Histology.

You will recollect that the bulletin's statement is:

"The Medical College possesses a single utterly wretched laboratory for pathology, bacteriology, and histology."

And this phrase, "utterly wretched," is used with reference to this laboratory several times throughout this libellous volume.

The words of the delegates' report might be understood to indicate that they considered it highly objectionable that a single room should be used for the three kinds of laboratory work, but, of course, as you know, there is no objection to a single room, provided it is large enough and has sufficient equipment to accommodate the several classes of students that there work at these several branches.

The Laboratory was designed and equipped for routine work and teaching, and so far it has proved entirely sufficient to meet the requirement and the needs of the students of the College.

The classes are always small, never exceeding twenty in Normal Histology, or fifteen in Pathology and Bacteriology.

There are four teachers, two for Normal Histology, and two for Pathology and Bacteriology. One of the latter being also the Provincial Pathologist.

A new wing of the College building was specially designed and built to provide this laboratory. The cost of building and equipment was about \$5,000, mainly provided through the teachers receiving no part of the fees whatever for two years in succession.

This laboratory room is 40 feet long, 24 feet wide, and 13 feet in height. It is lighted from three sides by seventeen windows, each three feet by eight feet, with those on the South and East sides obscured so as to avoid glare. The light throughout the room is excellent.

The room is hot-water heated, electric-lighted, and well ventilated.

Plain tables are fixed round the sides of the room, and afford liberal working space for thirty students at once, or half as many again as the largest class that so far has ever been in attendance.

Such is an accurate description of the "single room" which the delegates describe as "utterly wretched."

The equipment of the laboratory cost \$2,000; and it is all comparatively new and in good order. This equipment includes twenty-seven students' microscopes, and also four high-class instruments for bacteriological work.

While the supply of instruments known as student's microscopes has been more than sufficient for any class up to date, yet the College's own supply of high-class microscopes is rather limited; but the professors have regularly been in the habit of supplying the shortage by lending their own instruments, so that each student has always had a suitable microscope for his work. When the classes increase the College will of course have to provide itself with more high-class microscopes.

There are also five microtomes of various types; an autoclave and other sterilizers; two incubators; facili-