

## Standardization in Hospitals of Great Benefit.

The great need of standardization in the hospitals of Alberta and the good results which had been obtained through the work already accomplished along these lines were emphasized by numerous speakers at the general meeting of the Clinical Congress of the Alberta Section American College of Surgeons. Dr. Edgar W. Allin, of Edmonton, chairman of the Alberta section, was in the chair and among the speakers who briefly addressed the meeting were: Dr. Franklin Martin, of Chicago; Father C. B. Moulinier, of Milwaukee, president of the Roman Catholic Hospital Association of the United States and Canada; Dr. T. M. McEachern, general superintendent of the Vancouver hospital; Dr. L. S. Mackid of Calgary; Dr. W. A. Lincoln, of Calgary; Dr. John Osborne Polak, of Brooklyn; Father T. J. McMahon president of Campion College, Regina; Father Cameron, director of the Holy Cross hospital, Calgary; Lieut-Governor R. G. Brett and Dr. Andrew Croll, of Saskatoon.

### Spending Much Money

Dr. Martin told of the work of the American College of Surgeons. He said that this year they would spend \$130,000 in their campaign for the standardization of hospitals in the United States and Canada.

Father Moulinier took as his subject "The Soul of Hospital Standardization." He dealt with the subject briefly, saying that it divided itself into three parts: scientific, ethical and religious. "Hospitals today," he said, should have

all the latest improvements to offer for the treatment of their patients. As the medical development takes place, the hospitals will keep pace. It is a movement which has religion at its heart and therefore the Roman Catholic Hospital Association is in its heart and soul."

"The hospital situation today," said Dr. McEachern, of Vancouver "is undergoing an evolution—not a revolution. I am glad to be able to say that Western Canada is leading the rest of the Dominion in improving the service rendered by these institutions. This has been brought about by the activity of the American College of Surgeons and the work of men like Dr. Martin, Dr. Bowman and Father Moulinier." He went on to give details of the work which has been accomplished in Canada in standardization.

Dr. L. S. Mackid said that the hospital existed for the patient, and all work should be done with that end in view. "To do justice to the patient," he said we want to get away from the private homes, which do not offer the facilities for treatment." He said that he believed that nurses in training should be developed along special lines, as are doctors.

### The Result is Marked.

Dr. W. A. Lincoln in leading off the general discussion following the set programme said that two years ago the Calgary hospitals were not standardized. Now they were, and the results were remar-