

in part from a voluntary fund and without definite responsibility to the Federal Department of Health or to the Provincial Boards. While much creditable work has been performed there have been reported some ill-judged public utterances, which if voiced would appear to be but emanations of their hyper-enthusiasm.

The only proper solution of the psychiatric problem is to place the whole matter in the hands of properly constituted authorities for the evolvment of a comprehensive plan of dealing with it in its entirety. Like all other matters of public health it should be directed into the proper channels which are those through which legislation permeates. The Federal Department of Health and the Provincial Boards should assume this great responsibility without delay.

In the City of Toronto there is still no visible sign of the much-discussed reception hospital for the observation and treatment of those threatened with mental aberrations and who if properly cared for might be reclaimed as useful citizens instead of drifting over the border to become a source of grief to relatives, and economic loss and expense to the State. Surely the Province of Ontario and the City of Toronto should get together on this matter and make haste. It is by no means as important where the hospital is located as to get it built and carrying on, but a site removed from the busy and noisy centres would seem best adapted for its work.

In our own Province of Ontario the year has been marked by many advances and innovations. It has witnessed the downfall of the government which apparently for political reasons dared not bring down the "Medical Bill" based upon the splendid report of the Commission appointed by them. No doubt had they sensed their fall from power they would have passed the bill to add to the monumental legislation left to recall them to memory.

The Provincial Board of Health has been transferred from the Department of the Provincial Secretary to that of Labour, and a letter from Dr. J. W. S. McCullough, chief officer of health sets out some of the more important recent features of their work. They are as follows:—

- (1) License granted to the Provincial Board of Health to produce arsphenamine.
- (2) Grant to Ontario from Dominion Government of \$57,473 toward control of Venereal Diseases which is being supplemented by an equal amount from the Ontario Government making an appropriation of \$115,000.
- (3) Formulation of a plan to establish Venereal Clinics in accordance with a standardized plan prepared and adopted by the Board.