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COMMENT FROM MONTH TO MONTH.

Psychiatrics in Ontario is making some progress. By the departure for Germany and England, at the instance of the Government, of Dr. Clark, Superintendent of the Toronto Provincial Hospital, and Dr. Ryan, occupying a similar position for the Rockwood institution at Kingston, to study modern methods and make observations abroad, an important advance has been made. When they return, primed with all that is needful to place psychiatry in Ontario in the very front rank, it is to be hoped that the first step forward will be the divorcing of politics and psychiatrics. Superintendents should have a large share in the selection of their assistants; and before an appointment be made they should at least have the opportunity to advise in the selection. The department having charge of these appointments might exercise a little common decency and remember that there might be others more qualified for superintendents, or even assistants, than one who has busied himself in the ranks of party.

Doctors of Refraction, travelling about the country, in touch with the medical profession, fully qualified M.D.'s, is a good suggestion proposed by the *Medical Record*. In country practices, and even in many large towns, not a single man scarcely