

training school would be on this service. They would be specially qualified to instruct in the home care and to report on the progress of patients on probation."

When the asylum at Whitby is opened the medical student will disappear, and the clinical institution will have to be given at the Reception Hospital. It is to be hoped that arrangements will be made at Whitby for some students as clinical clerks for a period of a month or so. These could rotate in groups.

Dr. Forster laid stress on the view that mental cases do not differ much from other hospital cases, when his motives and thoughts are properly analyzed. The farther we advance along the hospital line the more hopeful will be the prospect. He said that some patients had gone out and done much better than expected. It is not just to the patient to weigh too seriously the question of insanity, but to view the case from a medical standpoint. When there is sufficient grounds for it the patient should be given the chance and allowed some liberty. There will be some mistakes, but the good will far outweigh these.

THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE.

Dr. Bruce Smith said that the splendid papers to which all had listened with such interest was unmistakable evidence of progress and increased interest in the great subject of psychiatry. Twenty years ago such a sectional meeting could not have been held and the interest and attendance of medical men secured, for then there was little interest in a subject that is now attracting great attention. This interest manifested in the splendid work that is being done clearly indicates, in spite of any false note that had been sounded, that this was no time for pessimism, but that conditions were so favorable that there was well-grounded reason for buoyant optimism. There never was a time when so much attention was being paid in Ontario to promote the welfare and recovery of patients suffering from mental disease than at the present time. The Ontario Government has surely been most liberal. About one-quarter of the total expenditures from the Provincial Treasury was expended on behalf of Ontario's dependents and delinquents. Ten years ago on the 1st of January there were 160 persons in the gaols of Ontario—committed there on account of being insane. On the first of January of this year there was only one patient committed on the grounds of insanity to any gaol in the Province. Surely we should cry down any expression of pessimism for the future does not warrant anything but encouraging hopefulness.

The Reception Hospital for the Insane has been well started and