

There are twenty-five Mental Hospitals in Canada that make provision for approximately 20,000 patients. Many of these institutions are a credit to the Dominion, and the following account of the Rockwood Hospital (Kingston, Ont.) that appeared recently in the "Kingston Standard" will be of interest to members of the Canadian National Committee for Mental Hygiene.

There is one public institution, long connected with the name of Kingston, which, though it is among the most important and noteworthy, is seldom given more than a passing thought by the people of this city. Rockwood Hospital, the great Ontario Provincial Insane Asylum, located in the Village of Portsmouth but to all general purposes a part of Kingston, is a place of which but very few have any correct or definite idea. Many have some hazy and mistaken conception of a grim stone building with barred windows and doors, with padded cells and strait jackets, housing a raving and frenzied group of lunatics. To all such let it be known that nothing could be further from the truth. Rockwood Hospital with its 567 patients and a staff of 128, comprises in itself a peaceful and thriving little village. The greater percentage of its inhabitants of course consists of those unfortunates whose minds have weakened in the great struggle of life and who in that institution are tenderly nursed and treated, and many of them restored to their normal state and to the world once more. The word "asylum" is one which has completely outgrown its meaning of a generation ago. It no longer signifies a place to which dangerously insane people are confined simply to protect society in general, but it means, as it does most eloquently in the case of Rockwood, a great modern hospital with all the conveniences, equipment and treatments that medical knowledge has devised for treating and relieving persons suffering from mental diseases.

Ideal Situation.

The visitor who goes to Rockwood Hospital finds himself, upon arriving at the entrance to the grounds at one of the most beautiful natural spots in the district. The Rockwood property comprised of farm, gardens, park and spacious lawns, is an ideal spot. In summer time, with flowers in bloom everywhere, it is perfect.

The main hospital building in which the majority of the patients are kept, has been thoroughly modernized in every way and under the management of Superintendent Dr. Edward Ryan, has been improved in many ways, till it is now a complete and thoroughly equipped hospital. The main building is divided into two sections,