

Feeble-minded. We believe that this principle is bad from every standpoint.

Mr. Downey as a layman can only be supposed to understand the business side of the institution. For this aspect of the institution's working, some one should have been appointed with another title than that of superintendent.

In the future of the Orillia Asylum the medical man or men must work under a lay officer. This we hold is not the best method to secure the best results for the unfortunate inmates of the institution. We feel very strongly that this is a thoroughly retrograde movement, and one that should be resisted by the medical profession.

We do not take this position on the ground that it is offering any slight to the medical profession, nor on the ground that it is giving a position to a layman that should go to a medical man, but solely on the ground that it is wrong in the interests of the institution, and by this we mean those who must be cared for in this and similar institutions.

We have time and again protested against the appointment to the head of asylums medical men who had little else to recommend them than bygone political services. We have always taken the position that the management of our asylums should be a great branch of a well organized and permanent civil service; and that the principle of promotion should hold sway. Until we secure this we cannot hope for the best results in the care of the insane. It is not a good method where everything that has to be done for the treatment of the insane or feeble-minded must be reasoned out with a layman.

DOMINION REGISTRATION.

In season and out of season we have urged the claims of this question. We are not at all discouraged. Progress is being made. Gradually those who oppose Dominion registration are lessening in numbers and in the keenness of their opposition. On the other hand those in its support are increasing in numbers and influence.

We cannot see any valid objection. There would be one common standard, and that no doubt a high one. This would secure for the country in all parts a capable body of medical practitioners. To this no medical man nor province should object, as it is the aim and boast of all that it should be so.

It would open up each province equally to medical practitioners. This has given rise to the fear that some favored parts of the Dominion would have too many practitioners. There is no good foundation for