

## CHARLES KIRK CLARKE, M.D., LL.D.

Charles Kirk Clarke, of Toronto, is superintendent of the asylum for the insane and one of the expert authorities upon the subject in America. This is an age of progress and of specialization and Dr. Clarke is an exponent of the spirit of the age. Throughout his professional career he has made a study of mental diseases and confined his practice to such and to-day the medical fraternity accords him a position of distinction as an expert on the treatment of the insane that is second to none in the country.

Dr. Clarke was born in Elora, February 16, 1857. His father, Charles Clarke, was clerk of the Ontario Legislature for many years. He married Emma Kent, and while spending the days of his boyhood and youth in his parents' home Charles Kirk Clarke pursued his education in the grammar schools of Elora. Later he was provided the advantages of instruction in Toronto University, from which he was graduated in 1878 with the degree of M.D., while in 1906 Queen's College of Kingston conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Law. Entering upon the active work of the profession, he has demonstrated in the prosecution of his chosen calling the possession of superior skill and knowledge in this line, winning more than local prominence as a representative of the profession. He was clinical assistant under Dr. Workman in the asylum for the insane and has been in this branch of the service since. He was assistant physician for a time, and in 1880 was appointed assistant superintendent of the asylum in Hamilton, while later he became assistant superintendent in Rockwood hospital and in 1885 was made superintendent of that institution. On the 19th of October, 1905, he received the appointment as superintendent of the asylum in Toronto. He has made the subject of insanity a life study, and has paid special attention to criminal cases in this connection, on a large number of which he has been consulted for expert testimony. In 1902 he was appointed royal commissioner in British Columbia for the purpose of bringing order out of chaotic conditions in the insane asylums in that province and his labors in that connection gained him the commendation of the entire medical fraternity. He is especially interested in training schools and hospitals