

The afternoon services have been conducted in rotation by the ministers of the various other denominations in the city, with almost unfailing punctuality, and with much gratification to our mixed congregation. On one or two occasions, when gentlemen not duly acquainted with the peculiar acquirements of the insane, have taken the place of more experienced preachers, it has appeared to me that they might have been a little more sparing of their lungs. In all our intercourse with the insane, gentle words and moderate tones are the most impressive.

The Institution participates with the community in the loss sustained from the death of the Rev. Dr. Burns, who for so many years organized and steadily kept in operation, our afternoon services. No minister ever entered this house to preach the Gospel, or to speak words of consolation to the sick in body or mind, whose words have gone deeper into the hearts of the hearers, than did those of that venerable, warm-hearted man. We shall never see his like again. He loved *all*, and he deeply *felt* for all. Sincerity gave tone to every word he uttered, and even the most beclouded intelligence seemed not to be beyond the reach of his accommodative and powerful, because simple, eloquence.

The promptitude with which the clergy of the R. Catholic Church of St. Mary's have at all times, and at all hours, when summoned to the sick bed of their people, given their consoling attendance, merits my warmest gratitude. Whatever tranquilizes the shattered mind of the dying lunatic, and through the dark cloud which has long enshrouded him in life, opens a passage to the light that beams from a brighter world, cannot but be a source of happiness to the physician who, in presence of the stern messenger, stands powerless and humiliated.

I have deferred the completion of this report much longer than I desired, in order that I might be able to record in it the removal of the inmates of the University branch, back to their old locality.

You know that the delay in this achievement has not been on my part, nor on that of the city newspapers, one of which chronicled the consummation a good while ago, and another recently. Both, however, chanced to be ahead of the *Telegraph*.

This evening, the first detachment of fifteen are into their new lodgings, and I hope before the end of the week to have the remainder here. It will be our next comfort to have done with the contractors, who have still some important work on hands.

Earnestly praying that the Great Disposer of events may bless us through the year now entered on, as He has done in the past, and that this Institution may go steadily on to more abundant usefulness,

I am, most respectfully, &c., &c.,

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*Medical Superintendent.*

Toronto, 26th October, 1869.