

those organic changes have taken place in the brain and nervous system, which render recovery hopeless."

The policy of our Government on putting off, what they must do ere a great while, is penny wise and pound foolish. There are many lunatics in various parts of Lower Canada, who, from want of treatment at the proper time, have become confirmed lunatics, and must eventually become a permanent burden on the Province. As an illustration of the necessity of another asylum we will mention a case occurring in our own practice. In the early part of the past summer a young married lady of this city was suddenly seized with hysterical mania. Owing to surroundings, and the conduct of injudicious friends, the case rapidly became worse till symptoms of acute mania set in. Application was immediately made to Government to have her admitted to the Beauport or other asylum, as her friends disliked sending her out of the Province, but the answer was; all full—when a vacancy occurred she would be admitted. Upon private enquiry we found that the applications unfulfilled previous to this one were so numerous, that months would likely elapse, ere a vacancy would occur for this patient. She was accordingly at our advice immediately removed to the Brattleboro' asylum—placed under the care of Dr. Rockwell—and in less than three months, she returned home perfectly well—and better in general health than she had been for years. Several weeks after this, an order for her admission into the asylum at St. Johns was received. Had the husband of this lady been poor and unable to pay for her maintainance in the asylum of a foreign state,—had he from force of circumstances been obliged, to wait till a vacancy occurred in our own asylum, there is no doubt that her chances of recovery would have been reduced a hundred fold. Our gaol constantly has seven or eight lunatics, often more, waiting for a vacancy to occur, and while confined in the prison, each day but renders recovery more hopeless. Can any thing speak louder than this as to the imperative necessity, which exists for the *immediate* erection of an asylum near this city, with all the modern improvements. In the mean time we commend the asylum at Brattleboro' to our brethren who may wish to find a suitable retreat for insane patients. The situation is lovely—the attendance all that can be desired—and the terms moderate in the extreme.

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Dr. Frazer, lecturer on *Materia Medica*, in this school, has forwarded us an account of the opening of their new building, on the 13th November last, when the introductory address or lecture was delivered by Dr. Robert McDonnell, in the presence of all the leading medical men