

2ND. By E. A. MERIDETH, LL.D., member (Chairman) of the Board of Inspectors of Asylums, etc for Canada East and West, from 1859 to 1869, and late Assistant Secretary of State for the Dominion of Canada :

" DR. WORKMAN.

" MY DEAR SIR,—

Mr. Langmuir has shewn me your note of the 3rd instant, and his reply of yesterday, and I very gladly avail myself of your permission, granted in our conversation this morning, to place on record my own estimate of your administration of the Toronto Asylum. During the ten years from 1859 to 1869, while I was one of the members of the Board of Inspectors of Asylums, it was my duty to make very frequent official visits to the Asylum and to make myself thoroughly acquainted with everything connected with its management, and it affords me sincere pleasure to be able to testify that my colleagues and myself had every reason to be entirely satisfied with the zeal, ability and energy, which marked your administration of the affairs of the Asylum. Whilst zealously watchful of the care and comfort of the unfortunate ones committed to your charge, you were at the same time not unmindful of the necessity of economising the public funds: and while everything necessary for the comfort and proper treatment of the patients was claimed by you, there was an anxious desire to avoid all wasteful expenditure.

" You always enjoyed, so far as I knew, the respect and esteem of all your subordinates in the Asylum, and I believe, also, the affectionate regard of your patients. For myself, I have always considered it one of the happy consequences of my appointment as an Inspector, that it brought me into intimate and pleasant official relations with you, and resulted in securing for me your personal friendship.

" Believe me,

" Most sincerely yours,

" E. A. MERIDETH."