

» is a common feature of public scandal Born
 » agitators and professional reformers, who live and
 » move upon the borderland of insanity, who are ever
 » intent upon turning this world upside down, and having
 » things done some other way no matter what the
 » present way be—have appropriated all such suspicion,
 » imputation, accusation and scandal as valuable con-
 » tribution to their magazine of munitions, to be used in
 » a general crusade against whatever appears to be esta-
 » blished. Professed neurologists and flippant neuro-
 » spasts of the medical profession, arrogating to themselves
 » all knowledge of psychology and psychiatry, have by
 » sneers, innuendo and direct assaults upon the character
 » and qualification of medical officers serving in American
 » hospitals for the insane, done what they could do toward
 » the disparagement of hospital reputation. Hungry po-
 » liticians of a low order have in notable instances, un-
 » scrupulously manufactured and promulgated accusations
 » and reports as testimony against incumbents of hospital
 » places, calculated to disquiet and abuse the public mind
 » respecting the management of those great charities.
 « Foreign hospitals and their methods have been extolled
 « and contrasted as in every respect superior to our own.»

M. le Dr Workman, qui a longtemps occupé la situa-
 tion de surintendant de l'asile de Toronto, dans un article
 sur le sujet (numéro de Juillet 1881 de l'*American Journal
 of Insanity*) disait :— "The pernicious accusations here
 " complained of, rarely, if ever, have their origin among
 " the uneducated portion of the population. They are
 " trumped up by persons professing more intelligence
 " than moral honesty, and they are cherished into pesti-
 " lant vigor by those who have had but too much
 " education."

Dans un de ses rapports, M. le Dr Rogers de l'asile
 de l'Etat d'Indiana, dit :—"Institutions have been assailed
 " in this manner often before, and the results always
 " have been, and always will be, direful, as far at least
 " as regards the general effect on those most interested—
 " the immediate friends of the insane."

Je vais maintenant citer le cas de la Prison de Ré-
 forme de l'Ile-aux-Noix (1861), pour donner une idée de ce
 que peuvent faire les préjugés nationaux et religieux,
 de ce que produit souvent ici la haine qui en découle,