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THE CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

The ninth annual meeting of this association was held in the Education Department, Toronto, on November 25th and 26th, 1908. There was a good attendance. Dr. R. W. Bruce made an excellent presiding officer, and he was ably assisted by efficient associates.

The papers were of a very thoughtful character, and the discussions upon these gave evidence of much thought and preparation. The comparing of experiences in this way is sure to yield good results.

It became very evident during the reading of the papers, and the discussions that there are many changes required in our gaol and asylum systems. It is to be hoped that some of the suggestions made at the convention may find their way into the statutes and become matters of actual practice.

One feature of the gathering to which we wish to invite special attention is the effort made to curtail marriages among the feeble-minded and criminal classes.

In another portion, we give a full report of the meeting.

THE ONTARIO MEDICAL COUNCIL.

It is with some satisfaction that we notice that the medical council has taken some action against druggists who do prescribing for people. No druggist should do this. So long as proprietary medicines are allowed to be sold, there can be no good reason advanced against a druggist selling these; but then the onus of prescribing, or rather selecting the so-called remedy is on the buyer.

Druggists should not prescribe for their customers. They ought not to take the symptoms and dispense for the disease, whether rightly or wrongly diagnosed. Further, druggists should not repeat prescriptions without the consent of the physicians who ordered these in the first instance.