

It is not necessary here to repeat the facts and arguments adduced by Dr. Workman to prove that the important consequences above mentioned would follow from the establishment of the two classes of institutions as proposed by him. The great value of the system arises from the fact that it recognises and acts upon the now well understood truth that the hopes of recovery for the lunatic, the chance of his being restored to reason, depend, more than anything else, upon his being immediately placed under proper treatment in a well-appointed Curative Hospital. And this is only possible when there is always in these Asylums ample room to receive all claimants, especially acute and violent cases, the very moment they require attention.

It is due to our Canadian Government, which, in this as in other matters connected with legislative provisions for the insane, is far in advance of the majority of the British Colonies, to state that they have already admitted and acted upon the principle. The Asylum at Orillia was erected for the express purpose of receiving the *chronic and incurable insane* from the Provincial Lunatic Asylum. It was, however, very soon filled to its utmost capacity, and can now only take annually from the parent institution a very small quota of patients to fill the places of the few who are discharged or die in the institution.

The grounds upon which Dr. Workman justifies throwing the support of the Secondary Asylums upon the Municipalities rather than upon the community at large appear to the Inspectors entirely conclusive. This principle has indeed, so far at least as Upper Canada is concerned, already received the direct sanction of the legislature. The Act respecting the support of insane destitute persons, cap. 122, Con. Stat. U. C., distinctly declares, that provision shall be made for their maintenance and support, either in the Gaol, or some other place within the County, *by the County authorities*.

The establishment of two distinct classes of Asylums for the insane, as proposed in the scheme now under consideration, would be attended with many incidental advantages, two or three of which may be referred to briefly.

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