

The work in asylums for the insane was the subject of a paper read by Dr. Ryan, Superintendent of the Rockwood Hospital for the Insane at Kingston. Diagnosis, classification of patients, and other like matters were dealt with.

Hon. Messrs. Foy, Hanna, and Beck briefly addressed the meeting, expressing the hope that the organization to be formed would meet with success. The Provincial Secretary alluded to the increase in the Provincial grant to the hospitals. This year the aggregate is \$130,000, instead of \$110,000. The reason for the increase is the new basis of distribution—namely, a flat rate of 20 cents per day for each non-paying patient. Formerly the sum of \$110,000 was divided among all the hospitals on the per capita basis, and the increase in the number of institutions and the class of the patients mentioned had reduced the per capita to about seven-teen cents.

The election of officers and the adoption of the constitution and by-laws followed. In the evening those present from outside points were the guests of the Toronto superintendents at a dinner served in the buildings.

In the evening a question drawer was opened, and a variety of topics introduced for discussion, in which much interest was manifested by those present. The high character of the papers and discussions made it quite clear that the newly formed association is likely to prove of much service to the best interests of the public charities of Canada. It is well known that a similar organization has existed for some years in the United States.

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## MEDICAL PREPARATIONS, ETC.

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### DERANGED UTERINE FUNCTION.

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It is safe to say that to the average physician, who is confronted almost daily with the ordinary cases of suppressed and deranged uterine function, no other class of cases is so uniformly disappointing in results and yields so sparing a return for the care and time devoted to their conduct.

Patients suffering from disorders of this nature are usually drawn from the middle walk of life, and, by reason of the pressure of household duties or the performance of the daily tasks incidental to their vocation, are entirely unable, in the slightest degree, to assist, by proper rest or procedure, the action of the administered remedy.