

Report, 14 years ago, and from having visited a great number of such institutions at home in the year 1833, I naturally and necessarily feel a great interest in the welfare of the Institution. Since the period of its first establishment I have repeatedly inspected it professionally, and I am again willing to certify that it is most ably and judiciously conducted.

Under all these circumstances, and considering the number of patients that have been treated, and the number cured, it is most unfair and unjust that Dr. Rees should not have been paid the salary which the Statute allows him. Had he come to Montreal at the beginning of the Session, I have no doubt that it would have been carried through, and at the beginning of next Session, if God spare me, I shall commence the Session with it, and it would be much more proper were you and the original Committee to memorialize the Governor General (who is a straight forward man) to do Dr. Rees justice.*

Yours, &c.,
W. DUNLOP.

Dr. DUNLOP'S Report.

TORONTO, 8th January, 1844.

SIR,—Three years ago, at the request of several of the Trustees of the Lunatic Asylum at Toronto, I examined that Hospital and reported upon its state, and the medical treatment of the patients. I have frequently visited it since, and lastly most minutely this day, and saw and personally examined every patient in it.

I have no hesitation in saying that it is in a high state of efficiency. The medical treatment, so far as I am able to judge, is as good as can be. No coercion or harshness is allowed, and all the patients seem as happy as their unfortunate circumstances will admit of.

For thirty-five years I have studied the subject of mental aberration, and I have no doubt that the mode of treatment adopted in the Toronto Asylum is the most judicious that could be employed in such cases. Did any doubt exist, the results would show that it was what it ought to have been.

I have nothing to add to my former remarks, except that experience has confirmed all that I had anticipated in reference to the executive influence with which the Medical Superintendent should be invested in such an establishment. If that officer is not to have the entire management of his patients, of their diet and discipline, as well as the entire control of the establishment, he cannot reasonably be held responsible for their well-being.

The evils arising from this defect has necessarily produced the greatest embarrassment, and the subject is one of such serious importance that it cannot but be regarded as possessing the strongest claim for the earliest attention of the Government.

Visitors in all Asylums for the Insane, are absolutely necessary, and the Magistrates of the city or county in Quarter Sessions assembled, wherever it might be situated, are the best qualified to fulfil that duty, as it only requires to see that the unfortunate inmates are treated with kindness and humanity, and that the funds are administered with economy. All other interference with medical treatment can only result in injury to the character of the institution, and to the detriment of its unfortunate inmates.

I have the honor to remain, &c.,

W. DUNLOP.

The Honourable the Vice Chancellor, Chairman of the
Board of Commissioners for the Management of the Toronto Lunatic Asylum.

* In consequence of this unexpected harsh treatment, together with the abandonment of all private interests for those of the Asylum, a foreclosure and total loss of a valuable estate in the City of Toronto resulted, well known to have been valued at £20,000.