

the valley of the St. Charles, and of the crowding peaks of the Laurentian chain. The scenery of the neighbourhood is among the finest in Canada; and the walks from Belmont in all directions are an ever ready source of pleasure. The house and grounds form a fit centre to such scenic attractions, and without ever leaving the limits it is possible to enjoy abundant exercise, and ample variety of sight and sound dispels monotony.

Mr. Wakeham is not a physician, but two of the leading medical gentlemen of Quebec are in attendance whenever occasion requires their presence. The system pursued is that of entire liberty, honour being the only restraint, and in the great majority of cases, it is successful. Where it fails, other means are used.

In Mrs. Wakeham, the proprietor possesses an excellent assistant in his plans. She is a lady of rare culture and intelligence, and to her admirable management the success of the institution is, in a great measure, due.

Up to the present Mr. Wakeham has received no aid from the Government, although the usefulness of his establishment is generally recognized by those in power. It is to be hoped that he will soon obtain such pecuniary assistance as will enable him to carry out several improvements which he has long contemplated, and to enlarge his accommodation. If this were done, and a greater number of inmates were placed under his treatment, he would be able to undertake their care at less expense than hitherto. The present charge—£8 per week—makes Belmont Retreat accessible only to those who have independent means. Nevertheless, we have no doubt that if the benefits to be derived from a residence there of some months were generally known, there are many persons both in this Province and in Ontario, who would lose no time in taking advantage of them. We hope all those who read this article will bear it in mind. Full particulars may be ascertained on application to the proprietor, Mr. George Wakeham.

But an establishment like Mr. Wakeham's, even if it were made capable of accommodating many more patients than its present dimensions will admit of, is by no means sufficient for the requirements of the country in this unhappy respect. We want institutions on a much more extensive plan, and suitable for all classes of the community. Out of the whole inebriate population, only a comparatively small number would be able to pay at all,—only a very low fraction, indeed, could afford a sojourn at Belmont. By all means let us have Belmont Retreat and other curative establishments like it, adapted for patients of easy circumstances. We believe there is ample room for many such, if properly conducted and widely advertised. But it is not the rich alone who have a claim