

buildings and everything else necessary to aid in the work of restoring its insane members to reason. It is thus adding to the number of *workers* and diminishing the number of *non-workers* in the community. Again, society may, upon the yet stronger grounds of self-protection, call for the erection of buildings intended for the safe keeping of dangerous lunatics; but the state cannot, *on these grounds*, justify any expenditure on account of the quiet, incurable, and chronic insane. This is an expenditure from which society derives no pecuniary advantages, however justifiable and commendable it may be on the higher grounds of philanthropy and charity. It is indeed true that the first and paramount objects to which our efforts on behalf of our insane should be directed, are to protect its members against dangerous lunatics, and to restore as many of the insane as possible to the possession of their reason. The dangerous and curable insane should doubtless occupy our first attention, but the quiet incurables must not on that account be altogether overlooked.

To meet the wants of both these classes of lunatics, Dr. Workman submits, therefore, that two distinct classes of Asylums are required. One class might be styled "Primary Asylums," or "Curative Hospitals for the Insane;" and the other, "Secondary Asylums," or "Asylums for Chronic and Incurable Lunatics." The former class of Asylums, the Curative Hospitals, should be built and maintained entirely at the cost of the State, and the latter class of Asylums, those for incurable cases, should be built and maintained by unions of counties or districts, but should be subject to Government Inspection, and have their principal Medical Officers selected and paid by the Government. The Secondary Asylums should not receive any patients who had not passed a certain stated time in the Primary Institution. The necessary consequence of the adoption of such a scheme as this would be *to increase to a very high degree the efficiency of the Primary Asylums as curative Institutions*—to increase very largely every year the proportion of the insane who would be restored to reason, or, in other words, to check to a very large extent the wholesale *manufacture of incurable* lunatics, which, under the present erroneous system, must be every year thrown as a burthen for life upon the country.