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INTRODUCTION.

The Hospitals for the Insane and the Feeble-Minded in the Province of Ontario are at the present time caring for and treating 6,500 insane patients. There are in the medical service at these hospitals a staff of physicians to whose notice there is continually being brought a large number of interesting cases. The BULLETIN is intended to be a means of disseminating clinical and pathological data which is constantly accruing from the clinical studies and observation in the records now kept at each institution.

It is the desire of the Provincial Secretary to harmonize the medical work of these hospitals. Clinical records are kept of each patient, and at least two weekly conferences are held at each Hospital, when the members of the medical staff discuss the condition of patients, especially those recently admitted. Regular minutes of these conferences are kept, and the diagnosis and prognosis of each case under discussion are entered on the forms prescribed for that purpose. One of the objects of the BULLETIN will be to report some of the interesting cases at these conferences.

The scope of the BULLETIN will be confined to an expression of hospital experience and practice, deductions based thereon, and to pathological findings. It is the purpose to preserve and disseminate useful and interesting facts in connection with the treatment of the insane that would otherwise slumber undisturbed in case books and clinical records. Negative results will be recorded. Results in therapeutics and physical treatment will be freely used. Psychiatry has for many years received little or no attention from the general prac-