

patients admitted to the asylum during the past year 120 were foreigners, and the greater part of these were recent arrivals.

This, he said, was unfortunate in a way, on account of the great expenditure to which the Ontario Government was submitted. He said that the cost of the maintenance of the ones who could not be deported and were left over would be for the Toronto Asylum alone at least \$300,000. But besides this there were a number of similar institutions in the Province, and the expense would be enormous.

The cause of it, he said, was the lack of supervision of immigrants. He thought that some benefit could be derived by studying the methods employed in the United States.

THE TRAINING OF NURSES.

Dr. Henry M. Hurd, of Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, at the meeting of the Hospital Association, discussed the proper length of the period of training for nurses. First leaving out of consideration the exact length of any course he pointed out some of the essential requisites. The course should be properly graded. The hours of duty should be so arranged that the nurse would not be too exhausted as to be unfit for study.

The third requisite should be the restriction of the amount of time spent in practical work to eight hours with two hours at least each day for study.

Then there should be a preliminary training.

A course of three years is advisable only where shorter hours of service have been established and where the hospital is large enough to give a good training in all branches. In the matter of training the smaller and the larger hospitals should co-operate. Courses of training for nurses should be standardized and no one should bear the title of registered nurse who has not been fully trained in the various branches. Special private sanatoria or hospitals owned by physicians and maintained for their own patients should cease to operate training schools, but should supply themselves with nurses who have already received training. Nurses should not spend two years, or even one year, in a limited specialty.

From the *Canadian Nurse* for June much information may be gathered as to the growth and development of nursing all over the world. Nurses are becoming organized into influential societies.