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Perfect discipline in an army, is not best preserved in its outlaying small detachments, and if these were cut off from all connection with head-quarters, they would soon cease to be efficient for the purposes of war. The organization of our Branch Asylums, was devolved upon me, as Superintendent of the chief Asylum, and I executed the duty entrusted to me as faithfully as I was able. I have my own views as to the appropriate mode of managing these establishments, but I restrict myself, on this occasion, to the expression of the wish, that the relation between the chief Asylum and its Branches, should be defined.

The withdrawal from the chief Asylum of all its quiet old residents, and the introduction in their stead of all the *worst* cases presented by the country, has, as was foreseen, rendered still more necessary the completion of this building, in order to present those means of classification which are, *beyond all other requirements*, essential in the treatment of insanity. It is very strange that a fact so manifest, should have received so little public consideration, notwithstanding the frequency with which it has been urged. Probably there is not a newspaper in Canada, which would withhold its approbation from the establishment of a Branch Asylum in its own village. We have enough of this sort of sympathy with the insane, but far too little of the more disinterested and truly christian form.

Within the past five years a large number of insane persons, from the more respectable classes of society, have had to be sent to institutions out of the country, because this Asylum could not, in its present unfinished state, afford

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