

for 1893 of the *Journal of Mental Science*, edited by Dr. Hack Tuke and Dr. Savage, in which Dr. Tuke, commenting on the Protestant Insane Hospital at Montreal, Canada, bewails with him the fact that the system of *voluntary* admission is not permitted by our laws. Dr. Burgess expresses deep regret that in the recent amendments to the Lunacy Acts, no steps were taken by the Government towards remedying this. I may say that this Board, during the session of the Quebec Legislature just closed, by direct communication drew the attention of the Government to this important point.

In the same article this eminent psychologist says of our Institution, "Interest will always attach to it from the circumstances under which it was established; it marked an important movement *forward* in the humane treatment of the insane in the Province of Quebec. Its success depended largely upon the appointment of the Superintendent. Fortunately Dr. Burgess was elected. The report before us is a proof of the excellence of the choice made for the post, and the efficient manner in which he has carried out his duties."

Concluding a very interesting article Dr. Tuke says, "We wish every success to this well-conducted Institution. May the present Medical Superintendent be spared many years to preside over it."

The total number discharged was 71.

The percentage of discharges on the number	Last Year.	
	admitted was	
	68.93	70.29
The percentage of recoveries	46.60	47.52
Percentage of deaths or number under treatment	8.62	3.71

The increase in the death rate is accounted for by the fact of the existence in the majority of wasting, incurable disease, while a number had reached an age when death is to be looked for in the natural course of events.

It will be seen that the percentage of recoveries is just about as large as last year's, showing the efficiency of the treatment and the great good being accomplished.

MAINTENANCE.—The cost per capita per annum was \$176.32, a considerable reduction below that of the previous year, which was \$196.27. The total per capita expenditure, that is inclusive of the amount spent on capital account, was \$184.32, as against \$209.50 the previous year. Maintenance not only means food but includes