

introduced and passed an Act the past session making it compulsory for all counties to erect and help to sustain County Refuge Homes, one in each county or united counties. If these homes were in every county our asylums could in time be unloaded of all the chronic harmless demented, and leave space for those amenable to treatment or who are a menace to the public or themselves. So much can be accomplished by proper treatment, and so many apparently hopeless patients restored to normal or almost normal conditions that it is certainly very sad that all the deranged cannot obtain a fair chance for recovery. We are overcrowded by a class of patients that would be quite safe elsewhere.

If county homes would take harmless demented, and the majority of the senile cases, it would leave room for the immediate admission of all acute cases, and give opportunity for the better classification and arranging of those under treatment. It would also, if properly looked after, lessen the arrests for insanity, and shorten the period of their confinement in gaol when arrested. It would be well to see the name asylum done away with, and the term hospital substituted. An asylum simply indicates a place of refuge, while the term hospital would educate the public to understand that it is an institution for cure.

The medical profession should educate the public as to the dire results of heredity by misalliances, which populate the country with degenerates, a large number of whom afterwards gravitate to the asylums. They also have a very wide field in the way of preventive treatment of children with a tainted line or lines of ancestry. Much more can be done than is commonly thought to ward off impending future evils by early attention to the mental and physical evolution of such children.

The officers and active friends of the Ontario Medical Library Association have made strenuous efforts the past few months to place the library on a more sound financial basis. There has been a movement on foot to enable the board to purchase or erect a suitable building in which to store the books, and in which the several medical societies in the city can hold their regular meetings. At the last annual meeting, held on June 10th, handsome subscriptions for this purpose were reported by the Trust Committee. Including \$1,000 from Prof. Osler, the amount subscribed by the profession is upwards of \$3,600. In addition, between five and six thousand dollars have already been promised by a few public-spirited gentlemen who have the interests of the library at heart. The members of the profession have not as yet been all canvassed. The board feel very much encouraged in their efforts, and hope soon to be able to report further progress, and that the long-felt want will soon be a reality.

Now, that the amalgamation of the Universities of Trinity and Toronto seems to be assured, there is greater unanimity than ever