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THE HOSPITAL FOR INSANE.

Most gratifying in many ways is the annual report for 1903 of the Hospital for the Insane. During thirty years past, from 1874 to 1903 the number of patients in the Hospital had steadily, and at times rapidly increased. Beginning with a total of 64 the maximum of 190 remaining at the end of the year was reached. There had been an increase of 62 during the nine years from 1894 to 1902 inclusive.

Last year was more favorable and the number remaining at the year's end was 185, a reduction of four during the year.

During the year 47 patients were admitted, 25 men and 22 women. There were 23 deaths, 9 men and 14 women. There were discharged from the institution during the year 28 patients of whom 16 or 46.80 per cent of the admissions were discharged recovered, 3 improved and 3 unimproved. Seventeen of those admitted unfortunately suffer from chronic mental disorders and are without hope of recovery. The percentage of recoveries compared with admissions was not the highest in the history of the institution, which has ranged from a maximum of 67.7 in 1887 to a minimum of 6.8 in 1894. In the seven years 1893-99 the average percentage of recoveries was but a fraction over 16. This year's recoveries make the best showing of the institution in 13 years.

The improvement in the institution

during the past few years has been most marked, and it was most necessary. The new wing has afforded more room and relieved the shocking overcrowding of past years. Under old conditions proper care and a hopeful outlook for cure were impossible. During the past year 50 acres of land handed over from the Sock Farm for the use of the Hospital was turned to good account. It afforded useful and healthful employment for a number of the patients and at the same time yielded products of a value of \$1815 at a cost of \$131.

The comfort of the permanent population of the Hospital, so many of whom are incurable, has been greatly increased. Trained nurses have taken the place of the unskilled attendants of former years. Weekly entertainments are provided for the inmates, who take great interest and delight in them, and the Medical Superintendent tells that "as a means of treatment these social evenings are of a questionable value, crowding out unpleasant and unhealthy ideas and substituting therefor others more pleasant and healthy. The nurses and attendants being required to prepare these social events are also benefited and become more useful to the institution."

An interesting study is the table detailing the causes of insanity and Dr. Goodwill's comments thereon. To hereditary influence one fourth part—25 per cent—of the total of insanity in our Province is charged. Direct alcoholic intemperance is the next largest factor and is charged with 15 per cent. "The chief factors in causing insanity" says Dr. Goodwill "are hereditary influence, intemperance and mental anxiety and trouble of some kind or other." Of intemperance as a cause he says:

"Intemperance, by its direct influence in the mentally unstable and indirectly by originating mental degeneration in the next generation produces many cases, all of which are not brought home to it. The consumption of alcoholic liquor is at best an indulgence which is unnecessary at the worst it occasions misery, suffering and disease, and begets into a great number, stuntedness of growth, deformities and deformities, and an incapacity for high education. To remove or at least abate these, the hereditary predisposed should not be allowed to marry except with prudence and intermarriage prohibited. Temperance should be encouraged and enforced." These are weighty words. Dr. Goodwill modestly directs attention to some remaining needs of the institution. One of these is an improved heating system for the old wing, another the installation of the electric light throughout the institution. These recommendations should receive, and we believe will receive the earnest attention of the Government. Dr. Goodwill has proved himself to be in the general estimation the right man in the right place. The Government in seconding his restoration efforts to make the Hospital all that it should be, and in completing the good work begun and so far advanced will have a large claim upon the favorable consideration of the country.

Some years ago some trees were broken by vandals in this city. Detectives were brought from abroad at large expenses to hunt down the criminals, but without success. Young trees are objects of beauty and value, but young men are of more value than trees. Why not expend like efforts and cost to hunt down the vandals that are wrecking the lives of our young men and breaking the hearts of mothers, sisters and wives?

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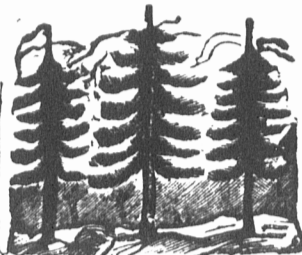
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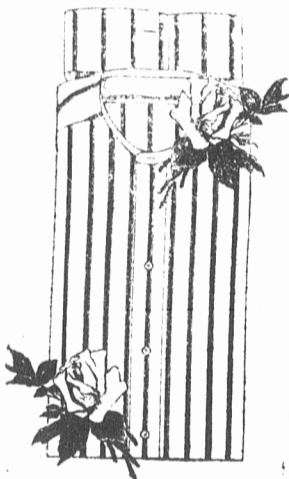
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