

The crying need of the institution is a hospital dividing at each group for acute cases and a new building is needed for the female epileptics.

After inspection of the institution, remarks were made by the following gentlemen:

Hon. John Hubner.

Dr. George J. Preston.

Dr. Stewart Paton.

Hon. Frank Brown.

Hon. Wm. Collins.

Hon. R. E. Lee Hall and

Mr. D. R. Martin.

Mr. Hubner strongly advocated *State care* of the Insane, first, because patients would receive better care than in county asylums and almshouses, secondly, because the cost of maintenance and treatment would be measurably reduced.

Each patient now pays \$150 per year which is about \$65 short of the actual cost so that the State must make an appropriation to cover the deficit, making the total cost \$215 for each patient.

In the Michigan State Institution, under the system of State care, with 2000 patients, the total cost per capita is \$150 per year.

A levy of 4 cents on the \$100 would care for all the insane of the State and the counties would be relieved of the expense. Baltimore city pays to Springfield about \$65,000 annually. There are now 70 applicants from the city on the waiting list who cannot be taken because of lack of room.

There are no private patients at this Hospital. Spring Grove has some pay patients and the Sheppard has quite a number. Thirdly, from a moral standpoint, State care is far preferable, as in many of the county institutions patients are confined together, regardless of sex or condition.

Springfield has 723 inmates and the total cost with buildings is about \$500,000 with a capacity for about