

in Germany, working quietly at one of the smaller universities and absorbing the spirit of patient investigation that is the genius of the German mind. Another year let him spend three months in Paris; lay schemes in advance, and it is surprising how often the circumstances will fit them.

“It would be folly to suppose that every bright and energetic young physician can attain that widest of reputations in which his name becomes familiar to the laity of this continent and to the profession of Europe. That is not the point he is striving for and should he attain it he should find himself at the mercy of an exacting public, with an irksome and enormous practice, and not time to keep abreast of, and much less lead the thought of the times. A professional reputation in even a restricted area affords an excellent income and a satisfactory life-work to those who care to be masters of their own fate and not public slaves. With the present overcrowding of the large cities and the keen competition among physicians, the tendency will be more and more to drive the younger men into the small towns which have hitherto sent their best talent to the city and received no adequate return. There are throughout the country hundreds of small hospitals whose clinical opportunities are wasted for the lack of younger men who will do with their might whatsoever their hands find to do. These are well worth the consideration of the graduates who are just ready to begin their practice and who realize that to settle in one of the large cities means a desperate struggle for a livelihood. With capital for the promised co-operation of a well-established physician or with a grim bulldog tenacity, the young doctor can live through the educational years of his practice and begin to reap the benefit in the forties. But for the young men whose only capital is brains, and whose only backing is his belief in his own powers of work, the same town affords an opportunity to do work that is just as valuable to the community, and to build up a reputation that is of far more help to his professional brethren of the far-away great consultants.

“At the end of twenty years, when about forty-five