

remissions in melancholia, nor those about whose mental integrity he is doubtful. His conscientious scruples hinder him from putting these among his class of recoveries. As a consequence his cases of cure do not count up as they do under a system of rapid transit out and in. The number of his *cases* and the number of his *persons* discharged during a year nearly coincide. Few of his cases of recovered persons return with painful reiteration. His *exercent omnes* mean more than temporary change of residence. He has not to say every week to some returning and familiar insane person, "Oh, here you are again! Enter him as No. 6 during our reportorial year. *One person* will stand as *six persons* among our large percentage of recoveries. Blow ye the trumpet blow." Dr. Effendi questions such methods and eschews them as he would Diabolus of sulphurous fame, as being of that kind which "Lead to bewilder and dazzle to blind."

Dr. Ben Almoud, of Memphis, is of another type of man. He is sanguine, impetuous and of that go-aheaditive style so prevalent in those ancient days, but now happily extinct. His thrusting out of temporarily quiescent patients as recovered struck with astonishment his more conservative *confrères*. He looked with contempt at a meagre thirty or thirty-five *per cent* of annual recoveries on admissions and runs up his startling ratio to eighty and even ninety *per cent*. He points with pride to his unparalleled success in comparison to his more cautious neighbors in the sickly district of the Red Sea or in the densely crowded streets of Zoan. This great city must have been a very silly place, for Isaiah says: "The Princes of Zoan have become fools," that is, lacking in intelligence and judgment. (Isaiah XIX and 11 verse.) This medical officer's ingenuity is not by any means confined to this expeditious method of discharges. Patients were let out on probation with friends and for months at a time. If they should die at home during this trial period, although as yet patients undischarged, they were not put on the mortuary list. On the other hand did they recover at home they were entered among the asylum recoveries because such had not been formally discharged. At this early period ethics were at a low ebb. To-day we do not indulge in such statistical cooking. In some parts of this great land of the Pharaohs political feelings ran very high. It was often of red hot intensity which set up a wholesome ebullition ending very often in clarification. This was to be expected in any free country where discussion is necessary to open up and ventilate all sides of subjects affecting the weal or woe of a people. As is often the case in the bitterness of argu-