

dilating still further and noting some of the modern advances.

First and foremost the status of the patient is essentially different. He is now treated after the best methods in vogue in general hospitals, with certain modifications adapted to his particular needs. He is no longer regarded merely as a menace to public safety or to his own welfare; on the contrary, we are most impressed with the fact that it is a *sick* man with whom we have to deal, a man who is at daggers drawn with his environment, who can no longer accommodate himself to the requirements of organized society; the victim of a diseased personality—often accompanied by manifestations of various physical disorders.

To accomplish the most good; to aid the patient most intelligently; to practice preventive medicine by timely advice and counsel should be the aim of every one engaged in the special practice of psychiatry, because to him the rest of the profession look for assistance, in order that the general practitioner may be kept in touch with the work being done.

This little periodical is issued with the hope that by a fuller co-operation between the outside medical man and his patients, on the one hand, and the psychiatrist on the other; we may gain a clearer insight into certain conditions that at the present time are of immense practical importance, but not at all clearly understood.

That we may succeed in this undertaking it is most essential that we enlist the aid of those engaged in general medical work everywhere, so that our case histories of the patient up until his admission may be complete; not mere isolated facts; of no value unless correlated. A