

fortunate as to be able to have them both, his prospects of recovery are certainly brighter than they would be if he were compelled to depend on one alone."

Pottenger ⁷ in his chapter on climate says, "Formerly climate was thought to be the chief factor in the treatment of tuberculosis. To-day, however, we know that the most important factor in the treatment of tuberculosis is intelligent guidance. The great faith in climate which is still held by many is a remnant of the "let alone" policy of treating tuberculosis, rather than a carefully established fact." After going into details as to why the location of his own private sanatorium at Monrovia, Cal., is so desirable, he states, "While the discomfort and monotony to the patients would probably be greater in less favorable localities, yet the result would not differ as much as might be supposed."

E. S. Bullock ⁸ in a paper read before the National Tuberculosis Association in 1906 gives detailed reports of 148 cases to prove the value of the climate of Silver City New Mexico, in the treatment of tuberculosis. He did not offer any proof that the results would not have been as good at some other locality. He makes the very significant explanation that inadequate finances or unfavorable temperament operated against the patient in 53.2 per cent. of the cases. He concludes his paper with the following amazing statement. "We should therefore have sent to our western institutions every case in which the patient may be expediently sent far from home." Four years later he wrote, "I must em-

phatically maintain that no consumptive should ever be sent away if it is not certain that he will have as good care and management in the distant climate as he could obtain near home." ⁹

A comparison of the statistics from institutions located in different sections of the country will show very slight differences in the results of treatment in the three stages of the disease. Any difference can be explained by the personal equation in classifying results. Of course those institutions (and there are many) that endeavor to get the patient home before the end comes will necessarily have fewer deaths.

It must be remembered that the results obtained in institutions located in well known tuberculosis resorts is no index of what occurs in the hundreds of patients who flock to the hotels and boarding houses in those localities. Unfortunately statistics are not available for this large class of patients. If they were, undoubtedly the results, or rather, the lack of results of climatic treatment would be astounding. In spite of the fact that most authorities, many of them located in tuberculosis resorts, state that there is no specific climate for the treatment of this disease, many physicians and most laymen, believe climatic treatment is most necessary. The exaggerated importance of climate and the necessity of sending their patients to a distant point and a different climate is so firmly fixed in the minds of some physicians, that they seem to think they have given all the advice necessary, when they tell the patient to go to Saranac, Arizona, Co-