

A FEW IMPORTANT POINTS IN REGARD TO NERVOUS AND MENTAL DISEASES.

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**W**HILE the principles of medicine in general are making noticeable advancement and progress, particularly in regard to the prevention of disease, and in the attempts being made to determine and devise means by which to enable Nature to combat and overcome pathological conditions, there is one branch that does not seem to be keeping apace, viz.: that part dealing with diseases of the nervous system, inclusive of the mental condition. In other departments of medicine it will be found that various measures which have for their object the elimination of those factors acting as causative agents in the production of diseased conditions are being continuously instituted and carried out. As a result we find that the ravages of many of the more virulent diseases are not only being lessened, but are becoming to some extent eliminated, viz., smallpox, yellow fever, malaria, tuberculosis, etc. It is unnecessary to go into detail to point out wherein the ravages of these diseases have lessened, and to a certain degree been eliminated, or to indicate the various means and methods utilized to bring about such results. Attention need only be directed to the interest that is being taken in one of them, namely, tuberculosis, to show what is being done. It is a condition engaging the vital attention not only of the patients affected, of the physician in charge, and of the immediate family, but also that of the surrounding community, of the local authorities, and of those in charge of federal and even international affairs. It is difficult to form even a relative estimate of the time, energy and money that is being spent in the endeavor to lessen and stamp out the ravages of just this one disease, so