

however, mention that the care of the home while the wife or the breadwinner is ill in the hospital or attending the dispensary is a work which has far-reaching results—morally, civically and economically, and cannot fail to appeal to everyone. Where there is a hospital in connection with the dispensary the social and visiting nurse service can do valuable work in following the convalescents.

I have here the last report from the Vanderbilt Clinic Auxiliary¹³, which gives many important suggestions in the management of this social service work. Special funds are necessary for this work, but when possible the receipts from the clinic are used. A visiting nurse receives \$75 per month and carfare. There are four nurses and one director. The social service nurse or worker is not a regular graduate; she receives \$40 per month and \$5 for carfare. There are in the Vanderbilt Clinic one or two such workers, and in addition as many volunteers as possible. Between \$6,000 and \$7,000 a year is required to support this work in a clinic caring for about 50,000 new patients annually. The Day Camp was started by the Red Cross Society in 1910, and in 1911 it was taken over by the Clinic and run by special funds, but this is for tuberculosis cases only.

4. DONATIONS, BEQUESTS AND VOLUNTEER WORKERS.

This social service and visiting nurse work should appeal to the philanthropic members of the community, whose interest I trust will materialize into donations, bequests and volunteer work. While a small social service could be conducted on appropriations from general hospital funds, an efficient organization can be run on independent funds only.

Before taking up another subject I would like to express an opinion which I feel sure has been entertained by everyone who has thought seriously upon dispensary work. The whole administration of out-door clinics is far below what it could and should be. The matter can best be brought to a focus by asking: What is the dispensary to the community medically, educationally, scientifically and sociologically?

5. THE SCOPE OF DISPENSARY WORK.

With regard to the first of these. To the dispensary come all stages of disease—from very incipency to the dying state. This is not so of the hospital—cases not very ill are turned away as unsuitable to occupy a bed. What therefore does the dispensary offer? Opportunity to study and treat the stage of disease amenable to treatment. The stage when physiological changes only are the manifestation of ill-health. True, this