

no evidence of destruction of tissue; or disseminated fibroid deposits.

"No serious complications."

*Far Advanced—*

"Marked impairment of function, local and constitutional.

"Localized consolidation intense: or disseminated areas of softening, or serious complications."

Of the latter class it may be said—Wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction and many there be which go in thereat.

The complaint made by sanatorium men everywhere is that cases are not sent early enough, that they are allowed to drift beyond the curable or even improvable stage before the sanatorium is spoken of, that eggs and milk and the back veranda are given too long a trial and that the sanatorium is made a sort of last resort and expected to do the impossible when everything else has failed and months of time have been lost.

The stage at which patients should be sent to the sanatorium is the earliest stage at which the diagnosis can be made. The results are five times as good in incipient as in moderately advanced cases. A patient, therefore, who has drifted from incipency to a moderately advanced stage has lost four out of five chances of cure.

The moderately advanced cases, strictly moderately advanced, that is, with moderate involvement, no marked impairment of function and no serious complications, are suitable and fairly satisfactory cases for sanatorium treatment. Phthisis is indeed curable but not at the stages at which cases are frequently sent to sanatoria. A man afloat on Niagara is savable if caught in time, but scarcely savable on the verge of the fall. Let us treat our cases at the right time, in the right place and in the right way until they are *well*; not at the wrong time, in the wrong place and in the wrong way until they are *dead*. The sanatorium is not the place for your worst and most hopeless case, but for your best and most hopeful case.

Many cases, as you all know, a well conducted sanatorium should not, indeed cannot, take. It is a matter of the greatest difficulty to definitely give a prognosis in many cases but any advanced case, any acute or complicated case, should be cared