

class of trained nurses who, after leaving the hospitals, carry their knowledge with them wherever they go. No matter where they may reside nor what their future station in life may be, they must ever remain educated women on matters of health. Their light and influence is shed around them in their own homes, in the homes of their friends, or in the sick-room.

But hospitals do more. They are great industries conducted for the purpose of making people well, prolonging life, and relieving suffering. A hospital is the union of science, art, business skill, and charity. It is in these features of their work that hospitals appeal to the imagination of all classes. The poor come to them because of the help they may receive, the middle classes because of the help they may give in many forms of service, the rich because of the help they may render through their benefactions, and the medical profession because of the altruistic spirit that governs it in all good works. It is thus that hospital work seems to bring out the best that is in human nature. Those who take part in hospital work develop adaptability, resource in emergencies, and the power to give moral, spiritual and physical help to those in need. It is right that they should receive the support of those in the world outside.

In an address on hospital work, Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, of Philadelphia spoke thus: "The public knows little the wonderful mechanism of the hospital of to-day. Here is art justified by science. Here are care, tenderness, consultations, case histories as exact as skill and laboratory work can make them. Here above has civilization brought the poor up to the level of the rich. The millionaire's case is no better studied, no better treated, nor could it be." Such an appreciation of the work of hospitals from such a person as Dr. Weir Mitchell must go to the hearts of the wealthy, indeed, often has done so as witness many great and generous gifts. Municipalities and the public as a whole are learning the same lesson.

In every locality where a hospital is located there should be a hospital Sunday. From the pulpits once a year, at least, the claims of these institutions should be held aloft. The work of the nurses and the medical staffs should receive due attention, and the ever-returning need for material aid in the caring for the sick who can pay little or nothing for their own support. If even only a few persons would agree to contribute something regularly, the aggregate would be very considerable. But doing good is contagious, and the example of such persons would be followed by others. Remember the words of Dr. George M. Gould: "Our duty is to cure and prevent disease by any right means in our power."