

3.—THE PRESENT METHOD OF HAVING HOSPITALS SCATTERED OVER A WIDE AREA IS MOST OBJECTIONABLE.

A glance at Map 1 illustrates this very clearly. Buxton, for instance, which has recently been taken over as a Canadian hospital for patients suffering from rheumatism, is 236 miles from Folkestone. Argument is unnecessary to show that the wider the area of distribution of patients, the more difficult becomes efficient administration, supervision and inspection. A further and no less important point is the cost of transporting patients these great distances and back again to Convalescent Hospitals.

Map 2 illustrates the proposed concentration scheme. It is impossible to make this ideal because of the fact that present conditions did not justify the abolition of certain hospitals upon which large sums of money had been spent.