

you will invariably discover that the lesson given most minutely has been just as minutely forgotten in the course of a few weeks. No patient requires more constant supervision, more tactful handling, and more sympathetic treatment, than does a phthisical one.

The experience of the last thirty years in sanatorium treatment has proved its value beyond the shadow of a doubt. The results obtained by Brehmer, Dettweiler, Driver, Szontagh, Meissen, Trudeau, Sabourin, Daremberg, Theod. Williams and many other phthisio-therapeutists, are proof positive of the absolute curability of 25 per cent. at least of all cases treated, and the arrest of the disease, or marked improvement, in 60 per cent. of the remainder. At present it is the only treatment giving uniform results, and until such time as an anti-toxine with rapid and direct action shall have been discovered, it remains our strongest weapon of defense.

But if you want your patients to derive benefit from sanatorium treatment, don't keep them at home until you can do no more for them, send them to an institution as soon as you are satisfied of the nature of the trouble, and the earlier you do so the better for the patient as well as yourself.

PROGRESS OF GYNECOLOGY.

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THE DIAGNOSTIC VALUE OF PAIN IN GYNECOLOGY.—Lomer, of Hamburg, has a long article in the April number of the *American Journal of Obstetrics*, reporting twenty-seven cases of abdominal pain in women which he divides into three classes; first, those in which there was no gynecological disease which could be brought into relation with the pain; second, cases in which laparotomy was done for the relief of pain, and in which the patient was no better but even worse after it; third, cases in which gynecological lesions are pre-