

more are transferred to the insane hospital department. Others are kept in the detention ward for two or three weeks, and are discharged from there or sent to the appropriate wards of the general hospitals.

At Pittsburg, the general hospital of St. Francis has four well-equipped wards which have been in operation a number of years, with highly satisfactory results. The nursing is done by sisters, and the wards are in charge of a neurologist. This latter fact accounts, I believe, for the classification of the patients received, viz., those who exhibit departures from normal mental health.

The best existing pavilion, however, in the United States is at Albany. Pavilion F of the Albany General Hospital has been in operation for the last three years. The physicians of that city, and the neighboring cities and towns of the county, warmly advocated the construction of this pavilion, their feelings having been sharply stimulated by the deaths of two of their number in the county jail, in which they had been placed from mental disorder. Applications for admission were received before the building was completed. The pavilion is connected by corridors with the main building, and contains two locked wards of seventeen beds each, all but four of which are single rooms. The plan of the building is such as to provide accommodation for restless patients, so that any disorder might not disturb other wards, or even other parts of the same ward. Hence, there is little need to interfere with the activity of a patient on other ground than his own safety, and consequently the motor restlessness characteristic of active mental disturbance may be permitted. The whole ward is capable of being subdivided into smaller sections, which allow segregation into small groups of three or four patients. Hence quiet patients need not be disturbed by noisy or turbulent ones. This architectural feature is most important, as it permits the treatment of all classes of patients in close proximity to one another. The pavilion is in charge of a physician with experience in hospitals for the insane, who visits the patients twice daily. The medical and surgical staff of the hospital may be called into consultation. The nursing staff is in charge of a supervisor trained in both insane and general hospital work. The nurses are assigned from the hospital training school for a specified time. There is but one male nurse in the pavilion. Almost no restraint or sedatives are used. Delirious patients from the general wards, and any suitable patients, are admitted without commitment or