

records would do more to raise the status of medicine in this country than can be done by academic discussions, however important. Such records would necessitate close study and accurate observation by all connected with hospitals, the students as well as members of the staffs. The result would not only be more accurate knowledge of the course of disease, without which we cannot estimate the effect of treatment, but a better trained general profession.

Good clinical insight is of inestimable value to every physician; it can be attained only by close study and thoroughness of work. Even the smallest details must receive careful consideration. While our mental attitude should not be that of cold, cynical doubt, yet we must not be hasty in accepting conclusions. We must "prove all things, holding fast that which is good." To this end the critical observation of the processes manifested in the human organism are as essential as of those in the laboratory. The work in neither field can be independent of the other, and in both there should be equal care as to accuracy of observation. Of this fact clinical observers require to be frequently reminded.