

## HOSPITAL TREATMENT.

It is our intention to simply outline the method of treatment pursued in Rockwood Hospital, Kingston.

On admission the patients are sent to our Reception Ward, where they are given a warm bath and put to bed. A careful physical examination of the whole body is then made, each system is carefully gone over and examined, and the case is then discussed at a Staff conference. The patient is weighed and urine examined. A blood count is made with the Thoma-Zeiss Hæmocyto-meter, and the blood pressure taken with Riva Rocci's Sphygmomanometer, the Hæmoglobin is tested with Talquist's scale. If the case is diagnosed to be of toxic origin, the patient is then prescribed a course in the Continuous Baths, or given hot air baths, after which they are given an alcohol rub and massage. Forced feeding, i.e., some easily assimilated diet given every three hours, and tonics, etc., are prescribed as indicated. Other patients are given the rest treatment, as outlined by Weir-Mitchell. In the excited phases hot wet packs, or continuous baths are employed. Saline infusions are given in the conditions of exhaustion. In other conditions the patients are taken out on the grounds, and kept in hammocks, in the open air, for several hours daily. Various amusements and occupations are also provided.

In Tuberculous cases, if not too far advanced, the Tuberculin treatment is given, based on the opsonic treatment of Wright. This, of course, is somewhat in the experimental stage. These patients are also given the benefit of the open air, during the summer months, being segregated in cottages built for this purpose. We have plans at present under consideration, for the construction of a thoroughly up to date Tuberculosis Building, that can be occupied the year round.