

bed ; more annoying behavior on the part of the patient and more physical labor. Your time will be occupied very differently. But with these and other differences there is no more difficulty about it than many cases you undertake now. And I know no greater pleasure that can come to you than to see a patient restored to himself and his friends, and that largely through your efforts.

You will be interested in some comparison between home and hospital care, for you will thus get some idea of what kind of cases may be left to you in private. For while many may be treated at home, more have to be sent to institutions, for a variety of reasons. While enumerating the advantages of a hospital, you will see there are many things done there that you can practice in the home to a greater or less extent. I will be glad if any false ideas you may have of an insane hospital are corrected. One of the proofs of the erroneous ideas abroad is this : Not seldom recovered patients are loath to leave the friends made there. Few but become content in the Hospital after a little time.

In former times, when insanity was regarded as a visitation of God or the devil, or the man moonstruck or love-cracked, or anything but ill, the poor victim wandered about, the sport or terror of children, no attempt being made to restore. If dangerous, he was treated to a cage and straw. But thanks to certain philanthropists, asylums have since sprung up to receive the deranged, and in our day we see these being converted into hospitals. The day of the corridors destitute of ornament, cheerless and uninviting has gone by.

In hospitals there is every advantage skill and experience can suggest, at little expense ; the patient remains there without anxiety to friends, more than they need have about their money in the Bank of Montreal. To avoid the publicity asylum life is supposed to entail, relatives excuse themselves by saying the association with lunatics must be injurious. They never think their patient as bad as others. But superintendents do not huddle patients together promiscuously, and, besides, mingling with others is the best thing for some. From being all taken up with self, they grow less introspective when they find others afflicted like themselves, and may even take to criticizing their neighbors' errors. With