

the ride which did him so much good when as a young man he was supposed to have lung trouble.

The quality of the fresh air in our large cities may not be very good, but it is the best a large proportion of our patients can possibly get to breathe, and it is a great deal better than the atmosphere of the overheated, ill-ventilated rooms in which a majority of them live.

I give the following directions: Take the almanac and count off the hours of sunshine. In winter cut off two hours in the morning and an hour in the evening, and for the rest of the day the patient is to be out of doors. If there is no possible arrangement for life out of doors, the patient is to be in a room with a southern exposure with the windows wide open. The bed is to be moved into the sunshine. If there is a balcony or a veranda with a good outlook towards the south, it should be arranged for the patient; if not, a sheltered protection can be put up in the yard at a very moderate cost. On a well-padded lounge, covered with a couple of thick blankets, well wrapped up, the patient sits or reclines all day, coming in only to attend to the calls of nature. Only on blustering, stormy or very rainy days is the patient to remain in the house. No degree of cold is a contraindication. This continuous open-air life, at rest, is the most powerful influence we possess to-day against the fever of tuberculosis. It may take a month, it may take two or even three months before the temperature reaches normal, but it has been one of the many valuable lessons which we have learned from Dr. Trudeau, that in the fever of consumption the patient should not only be out of doors, but at rest, taking no exercise. The bedroom of the patient should be thoroughly ventilated, and the patient should be accustomed gradually to sleep with the window open.

Secondly *Food*.—The stomach controls the situation in pulmonary tuberculosis. In any long series of cases the patients who do well are those who can take plenty of food. An important cause of the lack of appetite and feeble digestion is the persistent fever, and we often find that as the temperature falls the appetite improves. It is easy to lay down rules; very hard to carry them out. Each case must be dealt with separately, but as large a quantity of food as possible should be given. Overfeeding or stuffing, when possible, should be practised, and the patient should be encouraged to pay as little attention to his subjective gastric sensations as possible. We rarely can carry out the autocratic, cast-iron method followed at Nordrach, which insists that a patient who has vomited a meal shall, *nolens volens*, eat another very shortly