

attempts to influence Dr. A.'s cases to consult Dr. B. Again the nursing staff can be selected with this psychic future in view. We make it a point to employ no nurses unless they are mentally and sympathetically congenial. We are of the opinion that the furnishings of the patient's room should be as bright and cheerful as is compatible with perfect sanitation. Bright little water colors, vases of natural flowers, and good furniture, not all glass or iron, are factors not to be neglected in hospital management. We also provide occasional concerts when there are no cases that would be disturbed by the music. A piano and a large symphonium are also at the service of the occupants; it is in fact a miniature St. Cecilia's Guild.

Under the conditions which obtain in this hospital, the comfort of the patient is increased to the maximum, and the influence of the physician materially enhanced. I am only voicing the sentiments of those who have had many years' experience in California, when I state that patients undergo severe manipulations with better results, when surrounded by an environment such as I have endeavored to describe, than when placed in the conditions which frequently are the lot of public and charitable institutions. A surgeon of more than local reputation, who has been associated with a private hospital in San Francisco, stated that patients recover from serious operations in the private hospital to which they would succumb if placed in a public institution. It is not beyond the scope of the imagination to suppose that the speaker's interest in such an institution might be somewhat responsible for the statement. But that as it may be, the too frequently neglected psychic factors in institutional management play a most important roll, and are to be carefully considered in order to reach the possibilities that lie within this sphere. The psychology of the hospital is yet to be written.

As an indication of the wide range of our work, I will give the cases that were at the sanitarium at the beginning of our second year.

Medical—Myelitis, muscular rheumatism, hemiplegia, bronchitis, uterine hemorrhage, intestinal catarrh.

Surgical—Inguinal hernia, adhesions following appendectomy, gastro-enterostomy, cholecystotomy, choledochotomy, hydatid cyst, uterine fibroid, hæmatoma of the ovary and cervical polypus, cirrhotic ovaries, iridectomy, retroversions with adhesions, three cases of wiring ununited fractures, hydrocele. A brief report of some of these cases will not be without interest.

Hydrocele—For some time we have been following a method of operating in this condition which was suggested by Dr. Marquis of San