

I was much interested, while in Havana, in the hospitals there. One large public hospital in the outskirts is being remodelled and a considerable amount of money is being spent by the Government to make the wards and equipment the most modern. This includes a steam laundry, an electric light plant and a most modern up-to-date operating room. The nursing is in charge of American ladies who are endeavoring to train Cuban girls as nurses. As the hospital was undergoing extensive alterations, I did not see it under very favorable auspices, but what I saw impressed me greatly. I saw an abdominal operation in which every modern aseptic precaution was taken.

There is also another hospital. No. 1, which was occupied by Spanish soldiers during the war. It consists of a number of detached wooden pavilions connected by galleries. It can be made to accommodate 3,000 patients. American nurses reign here also and everything was clean and in perfect order. The operating room was modern, especially as regards gynæcology. The Yellow Fever Hospital I did not visit.

Dr. Fernandez, the president of the Pan-American Medical Congress which met recently in Havana, spent a day taking me about. We visited the Medical School, which consists chiefly of class rooms and a dental department which was well-equipped with modern dental chairs. The dissecting room was small and contained only a very few tables on which there were a couple of subjects. At the time I was there there was no dissecting going on by the students, but some of the demonstrators were hard at work making some very beautiful preparations of the foot and knee. I also visited with Dr. Fernandez a large building on the university grounds which has recently been handed over to the Medical Faculty for Laboratories: there was a fine histological laboratory in the process of equipment but I saw but little provision, beyond rooms, for physiology, chemistry or pathology. Museums were conspicuous by their absence.

In the hospitals there were no arrangements by which students could see operations and I could not gather that there was any special clinical teaching. Dr. Fernandez is one of the most progressive of men. He has a large laboratory and library at the top of his house, he has skilled men trained in Pasteur's laboratory, continually experimenting, making antitoxines for diphtheria and tetanus and examining pathological specimens. He keeps four horses below stairs from which he gets the serum, all the horses looked in perfect condition, one especially which he has had for two or three years and from whom some hundreds of quarts of blood have been drawn, is especially lively and healthy. Dr. Fernandez did all this at his own expense and at first gave all his antitoxine away, but now he charges for it at cost; his laboratory is made much use of by the practitioners in Havana. He has an immense