

the medical men of this country to arrange for the admission of 1,500 people and also to direct the home care and treatment of six or seven hundred additional cases each year who have been discharged. We can help in this care by facilitating the admission of patients to the Hospitals for the Insane. This we attempt to do, but as this is a legal matter there are certain forms that must always be complied with. We can help you by taking in patients in the same way that they come to other hospitals. The law of Ontario arranges that we may take a voluntary patient.

Nearly any case of mental disease, if taken early enough, will come by himself to the hospital asking for treatment. We get a great many cases of this kind now, and we try to encourage this form of admission, because we can do more for the patient who gives us his confidence than we can for the patient who is compelled to come to us, and who feels that he is being unjustly treated in being detained in the hospital. We can also help you by giving you the results of our investigations. It seems to me that it would be a great help to us, to you, and chiefly to the patient, if the hospital physician and the family physician would only work together. We could furnish you with the results of our laboratory findings, with the psychic analysis, with a report on the conduct of the patient while in the hospital. We could consult with the family physician before the patient is sent home, and have his home surroundings arranged for him.

Many times patients discharged from the hospital have to return at once, because the people at home do not know how to receive him, how to treat him, or because the conditions at his home are so incompatible with his mental condition, that it is impossible for him to stay there.

Now I have promised that we can give the patients sane, scientific and sympathetic treatment, and in addition we can do three things for you:

- (1) Give the privilege of voluntary admission.
- (2) Where this is not practicable, we can facilitate the admission of suitable patients by getting in touch on the telephone.
- (3) We can give the doctor the results of our study of the case in return for the help he has given us by sending a complete history of the case.

But there are some things that we would ask from the family doctor in return.

- (1) That the case should come to the hospital early. It is a most hopeless condition when the patient comes along with a history of having been peculiar for the last four, five or six years. In the manic de-