

in an isolation hospital and these wards should be at safe distances from one another. Authorities agree as to the necessity in all isolation hospitals of having an administration building detached from the wards, or having ward blocks one story high and of having its own laundry, storerooms, disinfecting chambers, mortuary, &c. The more storeys the more staircases, &c., required, the more chance of accumulating the germs of disease.

Dr. Wylie of New York, states that experience and science agree in showing that widely detached one storey wards allow the most thorough ventilation and therefore the smallest chance for the accumulation of infectious particles. They require less vigilance, dust and foul air find fewer lurking holes and channels, while cleanliness and ease of supervision as well as fresh air are more readily secured.

In summing up, an isolation hospital should consist of:

1. A detached administrative building containing a kitchen with its necessary stores, and the apartments of the hospital staff.
2. Wards in separate blocks at safe distances apart, providing for separation of the sexes and for different infectious diseases, as smallpox, tuberculosis, scarlet fever, diphtheria, &c.
3. Out houses such as laundry, mortuary, &c.

Were such a hospital established and equipped in each locality and the public health act strictly enforced the time would not be far distant before infectious diseases would be stamped out or nearly so, and our country become the richer and more healthful thereby.

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