

medievalism and grandmotherism, and gladdening the heart of the good doctor who has long been trying to teach people how to live and how not to live.

The general public may not read about the ravages of the white plague, may throw away leaflets and avoid lectures, yet they will read about a sanatorium and not infrequently by means of this institution become interested in the whole subject. Sometimes a paper is issued which greatly widens the sphere of influence of the institution.

A sanatorium should always be of great service to the medical profession. As a general hospital tends to keep medical practice up to a high standard of efficiency, so a sanatorium should keep the profession in touch with the very latest and best theories and methods in tuberculosis. Physicians should be frequent visitors, each bringing a contribution of experience and each carrying some useful impressions away. The gradually accumulated experience of the institution should be of great value to the profession. And the sanatorium should have the fullest facilities for diagnosis as well as for treatment. It is not at all unusual to send doubtful cases to a sanatorium for observation and diagnosis, and it will be well known to this audience that suspected and as yet undiagnosed cases of tuberculosis are regularly sent to sanatoria or rather "preventoria" in Germany.

In the training of young practitioners and medical students, and in the special training of nurses, sanatoria have been most serviceable. Is it not strange that practically all our nurses are trained in hospitals which exclude—or try to exclude—the commonest of all diseases, the great mother of diseases? Is it not true that our nurses know nothing—at least from their regular training—about the modern treatment of consumption? Here again sanatoria find a field of usefulness.

I have not tried to look upon the outward appearance of the sanatorium, its architecture, arrangement, size, organization, support, etc., but have tried to look upon its heart, its purposes and difficulties, its great aims, its encouragements and its certain success.