Telescope and Microscope page 8

" Cure looks through the microscope, prevention through the telescope" is the clever phrasing of a successful American health officer. There has been and still is a marked difference between the average physician's point of view and the sanitarian's. The former deals with disease which has manifested itself; the latter seeks to foresee and to forestall its occurrence. The one thinks of the individual patient, the other of the community as a whole. It is sometimes cynically asserted not only that the attitudes of the two differ, but that their interests clash.

Progress in Prevention, page 11

Jenner's discovery of vaccination for smallpox, Pasteur's researches in the causation of various

diseases by bacteria and microbes, the use of vaccines and sera, Lister's introduction of antiseptic surgery, are striking illustrations of the scientific knowledge of the origin, spread, .and prevention of certain maladies which has been made available since the end of the eighteenth century, and especially during the last fifty years. Today hundreds of trained investigators in many countries are verifying, revising, and adding to this body of truth upon which all progress in preventive medicine depends. The application of part of this knowledge by men of imagination and organizing ability has been a boon to mankind. Almost all physicians are still too exclusively concerned with the individual aspect of disease.

Changing Ideals of Health, page 13

Advances in the cure and prevention of disease reflect a shifting of emphasis and a gradual revision of the idea of health itself. Conformity with objective norms such as average temperature, height, weight, blood pressure, condition of various organs, results of blood and other analyses, represents a more trustworthy basis of valuation. There is a growing demand for a positive conception which in the individual registers itself in a keen sense of physical and mental vigor, a joy of living. There is a tendency in certain quarters to extend the meaning of preventive medicine from merely negative measures to include more positive and constructive ideals of community or national health.

Handicaps to Recruiting p18

It is not to be denied that on the whole the best ability has been drafted into the service of curative rather than of preventive medicine. More than four hundred replies to questions recently put to students now enrolled in leading American medical schools disclose an attitude of ignorance, indifference, even antipathy with respect to a career in public health work.

The Responsibility of the Public p20

The cry is frequently heard that this governmental service or that "must be taken out of politics." In one sense this is absolutely essential to efficiency. A public function which calls for technical expertness is hopelessly handicapped if it be treated as the spoils of a political boss or of a victorious party machine. Yet in another, the original, meaning of politics public health ought to be always in politics. The safeguarding of the health of the people is a community task and responsibility.

The Role of the Nurse in Cure and Prevention, p35

The modern hospital and doctors and surgeons are largely dependent upon the trained woman nurse, who has made an invaluable contribution to curative medicine. Public health administrators are recognizing the visiting or health nurse as equally indispensable to the success of publicand personal hygiene.

Yellow fever in retreat, continued demostrations in the control of malaria, hookworkm broaden itno health sercive, tuberculosis campaign in French hands