

sick people not needing to go near a hospital at all. There can be no argument about this, but the theoretical scheme proposed by the author is somewhat vague and it is difficult to visualize its translation into a practical programme.

First of all the fundamentals of home care are reviewed—all medical care is given at the patient's home, and not at a hospital or clinic. Surely this is a little too rigid, and a more acceptable objective would be to work towards a completely integrated service. It is suggested that home-care teams should be created working under the direction of a medical practitioner, which is somewhat similar to our idea of attachment of health visitors and others to group practices. The advantages of home care are carefully considered, from the standpoint of both the medical and social reasons, the continuity of care under the direct supervision of one physician,

and the economic arguments for providing more satisfactory medical care for the patient in his own home. On the other hand, the author is careful to emphasize the importance of selection of patients, and he refers to specific categories of patients who will be more suitable for home care, such as children, the elderly, and those suffering from chronic illnesses. Home care must not be regarded as a universal remedy but is of value to those patients selected on medical and social grounds.

The author reviews the home-care activities in a number of countries such as the United States and Great Britain, and although these are somewhat sketchy they lend force to the argument for an organized home-care service. He obviously favours an administrative pattern somewhat similar to our own where the central organization responsible for home care is the local health authority, but having

strong professional links with the general practitioner.

In the third part of the book the situation in Belgium is considered and assessed, and a system of organized home care recommended for a number of reasons—the increasing number of older people, the serious difficulties of getting hospital care for patients with chronic diseases, and other causes very similar to the difficulties which also beset us in this country. Finally, the importance of integration of medical care and health care is considered and the importance of avoiding too much subdivision in the health services. The value of this book lies in that it sets out clearly the services needed to support the general practitioner if home care is to be reasonably efficient, and makes some interesting suggestions on how this might be organized.

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