

Significance Of Hospital Day

By FILIPINA SALVOSA *

DOES MAY 12th mean anything to you? If there's anybody who does not realize the significance of the day, it's time that he did. It is the day of all hospitals, both private and public, big and small.

Do you know why we have to celebrate Hospital Day? Hospitals play an important role in the community. A place without hospitals is just out of luck.

During the Spanish regime the value of hospitals was not realized. The people were afraid to go to hospitals. They feared the sight of a doctor, nurse or other health workers, especially the sanitary inspectors. But now, with the American rule, the people have come to realize the importance of hospitals. They no longer have to be coaxed to go to hospitals for treatment of their sickness. Even barrio people now welcome the sight of visiting nurses. They eagerly await the coming of doctors and nurses. One will usually hear these questions asked by someone: "When will our nurse come again?" or "Will she not visit us anymore?"

Visiting doctors and nurses are more appreciated in the remote barrios of the Islands because of the absence of hospitals. There are barrios where nurses visit only once a month or once a year. So the arrival of a nurse is a day of rejoicing among the barrio people, for in her, they find an always ready friend.

We often read of complaints and reports about the inefficiency of a certain hospital administration. But let us be more slow in our criticisms of hospitals. The unhappy



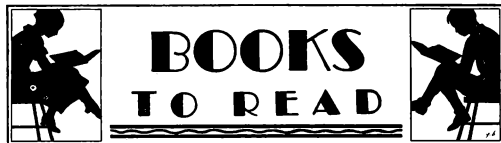
Philippine General Hospital

incidents that happen more frequently in public hospitals are not always to be blamed upon the hospital personnel. They may happen because of lack of personnel and adequate facilities which are caused by insufficient funds appropriated by the law-making body of our government. It is a sad thing to note that some of our legislators are more quick in slashing appropriations for health work than those providing for luxuries of some of our privileged lawmakers.

Just what are hospitals and what do they do for us? Hospitals are houses where the sick are cared for. Hospitals provide for dispensaries where people who do not need hospital confinement can go for treatment as prescribed by the doctors. Some hospitals in Manila that do this kind of work are the Philippine General Hospital, San Juan de Dios Hospital, Mary Johnston Hospital, St. Lukes' Hospital, and St. Paul's Hospital. The Philippine General Hospital has an extension service by which patients discharged from the hospital are followed up. The St. Paul's Hospital has a similar service called social work. The sisters of the hospital

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HOLIDAY SHORE

By Edith M. Patch and Carroll Lane Fenton

Have you ever gone on a picnic at the seashore? If you have, then you must have seen what a delightful spot the beach is. You must also have seen the strange creatures who make their homes near the sea. You must have met the little crabs who go in and out of holes with amusing rapidity. Perhaps you have seen strange animals clinging to rocks, swimming in little pools or lying on the sand when the tide goes out.

This fine book tells many interesting stories about the little creatures of the seashore. There is a story about King Limulus who can swim backwards and change his color when he wants to; Hermit Crab, who grows a new leg when one is broken, is also in the book. There are fishes without bones, and others. A child who loves nature

study will find a friend in this book.

SUNG UNDER THE SILVER UMBRELLA

Prepared by the Literature Committee of the Association for Childhood Education

This is a book of the best verses for children. Old and modern poems, sad ones, gay ones, short ones, long ones, are contained in this book. The poems were selected because children have liked them. Rosetti, Stevenson, Tennyson and others, together with many modern poets of verses for children are represented in this anthology which was prepared by a committee who did plenty of sorting and shifting in order to create a good book. This is a popular book for teachers and parents to use with children of kindergarten or primary age. Dorothy Lathrop, a well-known illustrator, drew many charming pictures for the book.

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visit and give nursing care to the poor families in the neighborhood of Intramuros.

Many hospitals have an ambulance service which is very necessary in meeting emergencies. This is one of the most valuable services the government hospitals can render. There are also hospitals in different parts of the Islands that have schools of nursing, some of which are the Philippine General Hospital, San Juan de Dios Hospital, Mary Johnston Hospital, St. Luke's Hospital, St. Paul's Hospital, Southern Islands Hospital, Iloilo Mission Hospital, and the Emmanuel Hospital. The Philippine General Hospital and San Juan de Dios

Hospital offer training facilities to medical students and practitioners. The Maternity Hospital and Sta. Theresita's Hospital have schools for midwives. These are only some of the many benefits that we get from hospitals.

What are we supposed to do on Hospital Day? We are supposed to answer the invitation of the hospitals by visiting them, then we see what they have to show us. By doing this, we can realize how the money that we give for hospitals are spent. On this day, everybody is given the opportunity to see the different departments, some of which are not always accessible to the public every day. There are demonstrations on different kinds of surgical operations. There are

YOUNG WRITERS

ROSES

I

Of all the flowers I like best
That bloom so radiant and fair.
The fragrant rose lead all the rest.
As I tend it from day to day.

II

When all its rosy petals bloom,
And sparkle with the silv'ry dew,
The morning sun that shine on high
Gives it a little smile or two.

By Praxedes B. Tupas

A GOLDFISH'S STORY

I was born in a big aquarium in a pet shop. I was very weak and so I had to be separated from my mother because she might eat me any time. The food they gave me was oatmeal and soon I grew strong.

Many months later I was a full grown goldfish. I looked for my mother but alas! She had died.

I stayed in the shop for nearly a year until one day a kind-looking woman bought me and had me brought to her home. She had many children. She gave me to them. They all took good care of me.

Now I have six children. Four are males and two are females. The family is very proud of me and always take good care of my children too.

Erlinda T. Alcantara

baby contests in the morning and games in the afternoon. In the wards the doctors, internes, and nurses can be seen at work. The dormitories of the doctors and nurses are also open to the public. In visiting the nurses' dormitories one cannot but be impressed by the cleanliness and orderliness of the whole building. The nurses are expected to see that everything is clean