obtained, both from economic and structural points of view, by calling in any local architect and trusting to the medical adviser to be able to tell him what is required. The subject of sanatoria planning and construction has become a matter of special study, and it is desirable that the assistance of experts should be obtained at least in a consultative capacity.

EXHIBITS IN TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARIES.

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THOSE in charge of the average tuberculosis dispensary consider that in providing suitable waiting and consultation rooms supplied with the proper apparatus they have furnished the best equipment they can for the nurses and the physicians, who very often are giving their services for the benefit of the clinic. How often is the waiting-room left utterly bare of any adornment, either artistic or educational! Those attending the dispensary are obliged to sit in silence waiting their turn in what is usually a dark and dreary room, with no amusement further than the howl of the baby on the next settee. Except that they are getting a rest, they are here gaining nothing in their fight against disease. They are not even obtaining fresh air.

The waiting-room of a tuberculosis clinic or dispensary can be made a potent factor in the education of those who come inside its doors. Here the patients have time for reflection and thought, the influence of which they take anyway. Here, indeed, is opportunity wasted if they are not provided with something interesting and instructive with which to occupy their minds. The subject uppermost in the patient's thoughts is tuberculosis—how he himself can be cured, and how he can avoid giving it to those at home. One patient wonders in regard to the instructions given by the doctor at his last visit, and questions arise in his mind about important points which he has either forgot or has felt backward about asking. Another patient has heard the doctor speak of the sanatorium as a possibility, and wonders what it looks like, what sort of a place it is, and how she would be treated if she went there. Some patients have heard their neighbours recommend a famous consumption cure which they secretly use, although the doctor has warned them against anything but what he advises. They believe that the doctor must have some motive for not recommending this peerless remedy which Mrs. Smith states was of such great benefit to her aunt in her last illness. They have heard the doctor mention sleeping-out porches, and the nurse has spoken of a

Klondike bed. Fearful of appearing stupid, they eagerly agreed that they understood the directions at the time they were given. They really have not comprehended them in the least, and when they return home from the dispensary they are quite content to improvise some imperfect substitute.

How much better would it be if these tuberculous patients could

AN EDUCATIONAL TUBERCULOSIS CABINET.

receive real instruction! If they could see before them on the wall of the dispensary a picture indicating just what a sanatorium is like and how the resident patients look, a clear statement indicating why patent medicines are dangerous, illustrations of what a sleeping-porch is like, and how a Klondike bed is made; if they could see around them short and striking statements such as they could remember and repeat at

home to Mrs. Jones or other friends, how much better would the dispensary have served its purpose! If the doctor or the nurse before leaving them could show them pictures of home-made hygienic devices, or a striking cartoon illustrating the very points that have been explained, how much more clearly would the lesson be driven home! The distribution of a little pamphlet with its indistinct and minute diagrams, with its page after page of printed matter, cannot describe so clearly nor so well what is wanted as the big enlarged photograph with a large and carefully-worded description beneath. Why not cover

PICTORIAL PLACARDS FOR EXHIBITION AT TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARIES.

the dark and dreary walls of the dispensary with material that fills this need?

For very small rooms some of the exhibits provided by the Educational Exhibition Company will be found of real service.¹ A tuberculosis exhibit covers the entire subject in a space about 6 feet high and 7 feet long. The pictures are all bright and clear; the reading matter is interesting and concise. For large rooms a frieze made up of the

¹ Full particulars can be obtained on application to the Directors, Educational Exhibition Company, 70, Waterman Street, Providence, R.I., U.S.A., to whom we are indebted for the loan of the blocks illustrating Mr. Swarts' article.—EDITOR, B.J.T.

New York banners, which are $8\frac{1}{2}$ feet long by 2 feet high, and describe the methods of prevention and cure in striking pen-and-ink drawings, make a valuable addition to the equipment of a dispensary or tuberculosis exhibition. For a room having an alcove or a large corner space, the type B exhibit on tuberculosis, or a set of 22 by 28 inch framed

A FLASH-LIGHT SIGN FOR USE AT TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARIES AND EXHIBITIONS.

cards containing 14 by 17 inch enlargements, or some of the striking mottoes on the subject, are a great help.

Models are always valuable if they explain things in three dimensions, thus making them seem more real. A small bed which the nurse can make up in the form of a Klondike bed for those who are interested is a valuable piece of apparatus which can be used over and over again.

A model of a rough but suitable sleeping-porch which can be built for a small amount of money, or a model showing a doll dressed in the proper clothing for outdoor resting in cold weather, furnish object lessons of practical value.

Some of the double red crosses on flags or shields make bright but suitable decorations for the room. In fact, the entire tone of a tuberculosis dispensary can be altered by suitable educational decoration. Attractive models will help to encourage the patient. He sees that

A HAND LETTERED MOTTO-CARD FOR POPULAR INSTRUCTION.

others are being cured, and that his case is not hopeless, as he might believe were he compelled simply to study the faces and appearance of those in the same waiting-room with him.

The dispensary waiting-room, as an arm of the movement for education against tuberculosis, has not as yet been utilized to its fullest extent, and those in charge of these institutions, when their attention is called to the value of such efforts as are above described and indicated in the accompanying illustrations, will not hesitate long in supplying these efficient but inexpensive instruments for anti-tuberculosis instruction.