

licked by asthma, hopeless as to the future. Recent research had developed a new method for her physical cure. It was successful, but it took a long time, and then there was also her mental sickness to overcome. A well chosen psychiatrist and a concentration on diverting her mind, helped greatly by our nurse, led to full recovery.

To win where a discouraging rehabilitation problem is in hand needs not only effort -- but also a sustained will to win. There are company records of tuberculosis, rheumatism, and many other ills seeming to have a man licked, but the man was pulled through.

We have had many incidents where a nurse in someone's home was absolutely necessary and none was available. Time and again you have helped out in these homes until they could get a nurse for the family.

However, do not try to cover too much ground. As far as practical limit yourself to the area you can cover effectively. Proceed with caution whenever you are uncertain, whenever the road ahead is a bit misty - unclear. In my job too that is important.

Time and again I have heard of a company nurse's outstanding help to the widow of an employee. You have helped in arranging the funeral, helped with insurance problems, property questions, perhaps relocating the family and planning the adjustment to the new basis of income. There must be thrills for you stepping in as a competent able friend to help the family in its greatest crisis. Certainly here is an evidence that the company means to prove its acceptance of the obligation to be a friend. Again I must say, be sure to get advice before advising unless you are fully qualified by experience.

Let me recite a few more examples, typical incidents of your making life better and the world a less cruel place. These are from your reports to Lloyd Hamlin - incidently, I am still extremely damn glad he joined us and that, unlike many company nurses, no marriages or child births have taken him away - :

Among the reports of nurses I have found such stories as these: As I read keep in mind what follows are quotations from their reports----

"One of our apprentices was on his first visit to another plant when a neighbor of his called to tell us that Tom's wife and small son were quite ill. I made a home call armed with a few simple medications and a thermometer. They were both running temperatures well above normal. I returned to the plant and told the superintendent. We asked our plant physician to visit the family. I again visited two days later and found them still running fevers. The doctor ordered some more pencillin which I took out and gave. I also took canned soups, fruits and fruit juices. The neighbors also helped so that the family was recuperating nicely when Tom returned. His wife was pleased that she had not had to call him home from his first trip to another plant."
Another report---

"One afternoon I was called to the phone. An excited woman told me that she had in her care two children of one of our people. Both parents worked. The children were two and three years old. They had been playing in the bedroom of their home and left alone for a few minutes, had happily consumed "all of Mommaie's pills" which they had found by open-