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Another Step in the Better Control of Diabetes

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—and they still hold up. Add a little more pressure—above the normal—and one or the other sheet will crack. It had a flaw. You could not detect it before, but it was there. And similarly it is with the human mind. Many a mind stands up under normal pressure but breaks under abnormal strain. The flaw may have been caused by heredity, by abuse of faculties, or by abnormal strain, or by other causes we can only guess at. We have 35,000 of them in the state institutions of Illinois. They tell us the number is rapidly increasing. Among that large number you may well have a friend or a near relative.

The normal condition of any individual is to be loved by some, esteemed by more, and to be universally accepted as a member of the human race. The cold fact is that when a man or woman becomes a mental case the *social*

prestige is lost; *esteem* is gone, and in many cases even the *love* and *affection* that were his or hers suffer.

Let us hope that conferences such as this will help to stimulate that all-embracing charity that will finally give due attention and proper care to that father or brother, or mother or sister who is a mental patient.

I should like to repeat to all the personnel of our mental institutions the words of Sister Beatrice, who was the first volunteer and the first superior at the U. S. Leper Colony at Carlville, Louisiana: "Say to all who inquire for me that the older I grow the more I love this work that has been confided to me; my affection and my interest for our poor, afflicted patients increases daily. The truth is, that I am perfectly convinced that I am here by the will of God."

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Announcement is made by The Denver Chemical Mfg. Co., of New York City, that they have succeeded in developing in their laboratories a new, dry, micro-reagent, called Galatest, for making an instantaneous test for sugar in urine and which appears to be entirely practical for adoption as a means of making bedside and routine office tests for glycosuria.

It consists of a compound in

powder form. Its use is simple and easy: A small quantity of the powder is deposited on some dry surface and, with a medicine dropper, one drop of urine is allowed to fall onto the powder. The reaction is instantaneous. If sugar is present it will reveal itself in degrees varying from 0.1% to 2% and over. It is quick, accurate and inexpensive. This simple test may well prove to be another step forward in the better control of diabetes.