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psychiatrist who maintains that his approach is totally scientific and that he is not concerned as a psychiatrist with moral values, is self-deluded" or again that "as a psychiatrist he has accepted a moral obligation" may we not hope

that the average layman will rediscover in psychiatry that emphasis on morals which he has a right to expect? And this rediscovery will only come, when the therapist as well as the patient claims to be a person.

THE SNEEZERS

"God bless us," I prayed. I had sneezed again, and I was afraid that the attack of the grip was on the way. "Please be good, Sneezzer."

"I shall try to be good," answered Sneezzer. "The Sneezers are not always an advance agent of disease. There was a time when people took snuff, and welcomed us because we cleared up the head, let in more oxygen and brightened up things generally. Then, as all tobacco appearances are not beautiful, so in snuffing, the looks of it checked its use."

"At any rate, Sneezzer," I said, "your family is the only one, I believe, that always is greeted with a prayer, as I greeted you. I am told that the practice began centuries ago when people wished by a prayer to ward off a plague. That's something to boast of, Sneezzer."

"Sir," said Sneezzer. "The evil

that we do is caused by germs in the nasal passages. We unfortunately are not able to remove those germs, and, alas, the distance to which we drive the dangerous spray has been measured and found very large. Yet a handkerchief is a quick and sure check to the spray. I wish, sir, that there was as good a remedy for those evil Sneezers who go about infecting their neighbors with scandals and rash judgments of others. Handkerchiefs are not enough for those Typhoid Marys. They should be put in the isolation ward in a hospital. They set whole neighborhoods sneezing, and spraying all with the fatal germs of back-biting."

"God bless us, Sneezzer. We must all revive that old prayer, and go at once to Dr. Charity to render us immune to every evil germ," — FRANCIS P. DONNELLY, S.J.