

capacity. It may be of interest to mention that at the time his salary was Three Dollars per day. It is a pleasure to recall his visits, not only because of his courteous manner but especially on account of his kind interest in the children who were detained. He never failed to visit them when he came to the hospital. If he found a child without a toy he usually came over next day with something that filled the need. His kindness endeared him to all. Even then he was a great lover of humanity, particularly of little children.

Mentioning children brings to mind a little girl baby about eighteen months old, a stowaway, her mother having died shortly after coming to the United States. A prettier baby girl could not be found anywhere. She had large brown eyes and beautiful jet-black curly hair and a ready smile for everybody. She was so lovable that one of our physicians desired very much to adopt her. But funds were lacking and the poor little thing lost a precious opportunity and a bright future. She was returned to her native country and put in an orphan asylum. How she cried when she was being deported!

Another immigrant baby girl was much more fortunate, not quite at this time however. A mother and her little girl were in Ward 4, a mental ward. The mother because of hard work and worry became mentally unbalanced and it was thought best to have the little girl with her to ease her mind. One day when one of our best physicians was paying a visit, the little girl ran over to him and grabbed him by the leg. He stooped down, and picking her up, placed her upon his knee and spoke to her. She was a very sweet little thing and very loving, and before long the doctor expressed the desire to adopt her, which was completed without much ado. She is now about thirteen years old and very charming and accomplished. Her foster parents love her dearly and their affection is fully reciprocated.

Contrary to the too general belief Ellis Island has been the scene of much kindness and charity and this is especially true of the Hospital. Whatever fault has been found with the Immigration Station, not one word of censure or complaint has been directed at the Hospital. This is a remarkable tribute considering the type and number of patients that have passed through and the frequent overwork performed by the hospital staff under trying conditions.

I must not forget to record here that my many kind friends on Ellis Island did not permit the twenty-fifth anniversary of my entrance into the service to pass unnoticed. On my return from the city on that occasion, I was, to my great surprise, tendered a reception and made the recipient of their good wishes. Such sincere and unlooked for appreciation I shall always gratefully remember.