

patients with functional disorders, and most of these will be people with emotional problems. At the far end of the scale will be the people with unusual characters, the hostile patient, the patient who comes too often or for too little, the highly intellectual or the mental defective—any of these can mislead us by the unusual way in which they present some classical illness.

What can we do to satisfy Disraeli? First we can feel sure that we are better placed than any other doctor to deal with idiosyncrasies. Next we can take them seriously—some doctor must have told Disraeli he was imagining things. Particularly is it worth taking seriously the patients with functional problems; their complaints should be judged to be as real as any others. Next, we can sometimes give them time; it is certain that they always need it and it is sad that it is not always ours to give. Lastly, we can meet them with the conviction that no two patients are alike, because, if our particular work teaches us anything, it must teach us this.

THE COLLEGE BUILDING

The line drawing reproduced facing page 367 of this JOURNAL indicates the appearance of the south side of Lincoln's Inn Fields as it will be when the whole of the proposed building project has been completed. The main block of the Royal College of Surgeons is that with a slightly lower roof flanked with two turret-like erections. On its left hand in the picture is the Nuffield College which has now been in use for over eighteen months. The next block to be erected will be the research laboratories of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund immediately to the right of the College of Surgeons building, and intercommunicating with it. The College of General Practitioners will occupy the building on the extreme left. Work on this cannot be commenced until the Imperial Cancer Fund laboratories have been completed.

The *Annals of the Royal College of Surgeons*¹ makes the following comment:

In general these buildings will not only fulfil their purpose—the formation of a medical centre of the highest importance, but will bring architectural harmony to Lincoln's Inn Fields. They will conform with the prevailing buildings of the Square, brick and stone, and will result in a more or less constant height in the buildings running the length of the south and west parts of the square, a height worthy of the spacious proportions of Lincoln's Inn Fields.

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