

subjects good textbooks could be bought for little more than the price of the notes. Another fault is that in many cases the notes are taken from the lectures written down by a student several years before, and besides the original errors, many have been added by generations of stenographers, so that they finally reach the student poorly arranged, and filled with gross inaccuracies and misspelling. Indeed, it is often more annoying to try to read one of these products than to decipher one's own writing.

The great advantage of writing one's own notes is that writing itself is a process of learning. Every student has his own peculiar methods of learning, understanding and remembering. His notes taken during the lecture when he understood what was being said are usually more comprehensible than the dead shell of a lecture taken years before by some other student with methods all his own. Most personal notes are alive only to the one who wrote them.

It has been said, with some truth perhaps, that the lecture system of teaching is in its dying hours anyway, and why try to revive it. But although the seminar or discussion system is ideal in many classes we have not yet reached the stage where it is generally used, and until such time as we see fit to adopt it, let us preserve and make the best use of what we already have.

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A PATIENT was brought to this hospital last fall suffering from a left-sided inguinal hernia into the scrotum. He was only seven years of age and had had this hernia for four years. It had ruptured through the lower part of the scrotum, and for these four years he had an opening which appeared like an artificial colostomy—and worked as such, for he had no bowel movements by the ordinary route. He was brought to hospital for operation, but the same day ran away. His people had been told three years ago that it would be a very serious operation and the child was very much afraid—always running to the jungle whenever any of us went to his village.

However, the first of the year his parents brought him back, knowing that to become Christians they should give some evidence of attending to the health of their child—for if left untreated he would never be fit for a normal life, as the condition was very dirty and disagreeable. I operated on him a few days after his admission—during which time we had tried our best to get him cleaned up. I was very much surprised on opening the hernial sac, to find, although it was on the left side, the appendix together with the caecum and a part of the small intestine. I did an anastomosis of small to large bowel, removed the hernial sac and also the piece of bowel connected with the fistula. He has had an uneventful recovery. He is now no more fearful but as happy as the day is long and will soon be going home.