problems, being a series of simple real estate transactions (covenants permitting). Schools and churches follow in natural order. The children of the newcomers either supplant those of their predecessors in the schools, or where there are separate systems, the building is “turned over” to colored when the numbers of the newcomers require it. Schools are public institutions, and as little private interest is concerned, this transfer occasions no excitement. Churches, particularly large ones, represent considerable private investments and are too expensive for the Negro newcomers to purchase outright, so the “turning over” of these is ordinarily delayed until brown encirclement is complete or so far advanced that the less pigmented Christians consider its relinquishment to their fellow worshippers of darker hue an absolute necessity. After the change, the fate of the Lord’s temple, which may have cost enormous sums to build, is of no further concern to its original owners.

Hospitals—With hospitals, however, the situation is more complex. The white community faces two pressures. First, the necessity of disposing of the hospital they propose to vacate, either because a new one is being obtained or because change in the neighborhood from their point of view dictates a new one. Second, they are faced with providing a solution for the pressing health facility problems of Negroes, while at the same time maintaining the established segregation practices in white hospitals.

To turn over the relinquished hospital to Negroes kills both these birds and several others with the same stone. (1) It disposes of the real estate problem. (2) It provides Negroes with what appears to be better than they have. (3) It appeases the white conscience with the “do-good” activity involved. (4) From the white point of view, although the problem is not settled by this procedure, it is quieted for a while, and may be stalemated for the present generation, leaving the annoyance of further solution to descendants. (5) The cooperation of outstanding Negroes in