

diseases of the nervous system. This is an education not to be got from books. You may be able to commit to memory a library of books, and yet not know the most simple of those nervous diseases when called upon to diagnose it. No, gentlemen, to diagnose these diseases you must learn from your observation of nature; even then, in very many of these obscure cases, you will only succeed in a true diagnosis by exhausting the negative, a practice very successfully resorted to by that recognized scientific neurologist, Dr. E. C. Seguin of New York.

I would next point out to you, gentlemen, that as physical science teaches us that all matter is one, only differing in degree and not in kind, so does it teach us that nature is one of which man forms an integral part, consequently man should learn of her, know her laws, and live in obedience to them above all things; that he should learn the fact that he who lives in the breach of nature's laws does so at his own risk, and is sure to bring upon either himself or his offspring her just punishment. Nature is no respecter of persons: she makes no allowance, not even for ignorance. She inflicts sure punishment for the breach of her laws, not only to the third and fourth generation, but to the tenth and twelfth generation. If any knowledge would make man a moral man, this knowledge should do so, but, unfortunately, it has not. And why? Simply because the immoral man is a criminal fool, in virtue of some pathological or teratological defect in some part of his *materia cogitans*, no matter what may have been its somatic etiology. Every man's conduct is the outcome of the functions of his *materia cogitans*. If its functions be normal, the man's conduct will be normal, and he will consequently be a moral man, living in obedience to nature's laws, and delighting in his knowledge of them. If its functions be abnormal, his conduct will be abnormal; he will be a fool, and consequently an immoral criminal. The *materia cogitans*, like unto all other organic structures, has its peculiar functions, which functions are what the structures make them. If the structure be normal, the function will be normal and conduct normal. If the structure be abnormal, the function will be abnormal and conduct abnormal. We know a moral man by