

reactions of the individuals to the environment in which they have been placed at different periods of their lives and we need further information of the phylogenetic development in the family of the individual. All these things may be grouped together as the careful examination into the life history of the patient. It is an examination into the family and individual antecedents that will enable us to understand the mental characteristics with which we have to deal. It is an examination that will probably help us to differentiate our patients into classes with pronounced tendencies towards certain diseases. We need not commit ourselves on the subject of heredity and we cannot properly give a wise judgment of the effects of heredity until this has been done. At present we have some general studies along this line, but there has not been sufficient of the ontogenetic and the relational element in the examinations which have been carried out.

We need at the same time minute studies of the reactions of the patients under different conditions. We need, in other words, a functional psychology of the different individuals to see how they comport themselves now in this state of life, now in that. If it be true that, as most of us believe, there is little hope of our understanding the mental conditions from the anatomical standpoint, and if, as we also believe, there is much to be gained from the careful differentiation of the diseases by careful mental examinations, this work should be represented in every hospital for the insane. It is not

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man specialist in psychology, and had him appointed to the position of investigating psychologist. When I was at the McLean Hospital we had represented in three research men the following fields: pathological, clinical, physiological, and psychological. It would be most interesting and valuable to trace the growth of this idea and particularly to trace the changes in the conceptions of certain men in America on these lines, but this must be left for another time. The important part is to know that the functional standpoint is now accepted by the very men who combatted the earlier papers of Dr. Cowles.