

well the absurdity of the law which refuses admission to these patients until after years of indulgence they can be certified to us as insane. The hopeful period for treatment has long passed and relapses will recur in a large number of such cases.

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### PSYCHO-NEUROSES.

There were 6 patients classified under this heading, 2 men and 4 women. Two women and 1 man were suffering from acquired Neurasthenia. One man and one woman had Huntingdon's Chorea, and one woman had Paralysis Agitans.

Case.—Female, age 39 years. She had been ill at intervals for three years and had consulted various physicians and been treated in different hospitals. She became incapacitated for work, was very self-centered in her thoughts, and felt much depressed and feared that she had cancer. She had a subjective sensation of heat passing up and down her spine, some headache and emotional instability. She was discharged, after a short residence in the Hospital, unimproved.

Case 2.—Female, age 56 years. This patient gives a history of different nervous attacks occurring at intervals during the past ten or fifteen years. The present attack began after nursing a son through a fatal illness. She lost sleep, became extremely nervous and unstrung. The night after the son's funeral she tore off her dressing gown and said that she was afraid she was going to die, and threatened to kill herself and another son, who restrained her, saying, "I am in an awful state. There is a red hot feeling over my stomach and across my chest and throat." She also had a feeling of numbness in her head and of pins and needles in her hands. The patient gave this history voluntarily. She was well oriented and had