between these specialists, simply because one class is too suspicious of the other, and not inclined to accept as valuable what experience teaches. You must decide for yourself which class is to blame, and if you will look back into what is not very ancient history, you will learn that even as eminent a man as Weir Mitchell made a mistake when he told the members of the American Medico-Psychological Association, how little they knew and how much he thought he could teach them. His caustic criticism was to many earnest workers unfair, but was received by the alienists in such an amiable manner that the neurologist no doubt began to wonder if he erred. As a matter of fact, and too late, he woke up to find that the most of his suggestions for the reformation of the much abused specialty had long before been tried and failed. In spite of this his criticism did good, and anyone who knows how much practical politics have interfered with advancement of the scientific side of our work understands why Psychiatry has not been, and is not, at its best in all parts of America. Fortunately these shackles have been broken in the most advanced parts of the United States, and with the building of Psychiatric Clinics at Boston and Baltimore a new era dawns. I had hoped that Ontario would be the first to attempt this work, but I fear others will lead us.

For many years our specialty was hampered by the bugaboo of classification, and the endeavour made to find a name for every case of insanity. It was a sort of picture puzzle which became more and more intricate and elaborate as time went on, and it must be admitted that some of the pieces did not fit in very well, nor did they add to the beauty of the picture. No broad conception of the nature of many forms of mental alienation existed, and while glimmerings of the truth came occasionally there was on the whole endless confusion. Good work was done, work that will stand for all time, but we all kept marking time, hoping that the pathologist would at least show us what had happened in the