

Again, students are greatly puzzled by the term *psycho-neurosis*, which should be confined to functional nervous diseases, with predominantly mental symptoms, caused by emotional disturbances. The term is mainly applied to hysteria and the various hysterical conditions, which are characterized by lack of control over the emotions and actions. They are generally disease of mental origin caused by some prolonged mental strain in predisposed persons. There is a tendency for any abnormal mental experience to be reproduced, with all its original mental and physical phenomena, when any idea or emotion related to the original experience is brought back to the mind by association; hence the terms *association psychosis* and *association neurosis*. For instance, I have known eight successive occurrences of puerperal mania in the same person to result mainly from the recollection of a painful experience connected with the first occurrence, and I have known a repetition of shell-shock to occur each time the sufferer was sent to the front after his convalescence, owing to the revival of former associations or a reproduction of the original conditions.

*Psycho-pathetic* is a term with a double if not a multiple meaning. Strictly speaking, it should only relate to mental disorders; a psycho-pathetic family history is one with a record of insanity or some of the psychoses in one of its members. But a psycho-path has been described, not only as a person who is or has been suffering from mental disease, but as a person who has an inborn tendency to develop insanity, or who has an instinctive or inherited aptitude to commit grossly immoral or perverted acts. The term *neuropath* should likewise be limited to those who have a history in their family, or who themselves have suffered or tend to suffer from functional nervous disease.

I have been greatly struck with the ignorance, or perhaps I should say the lack of knowledge that the senior student exhibits in relation to *hysteria* and considering its protean symptoms, this is not surprising, because the term hysteria is as wide in its connotation as there are functions in the body. It practically covers the whole field of the psycho-neuroses, and may be considered to be synonymous with it. It is no help for the student to say that hysteria is a disease characterized by the domination of submerged memory complexes. Few even of the "high priests" of the cult of psycho-therapeutics actually realize what this means, and there is no satisfactory definition of hysteria because it can only be investigated through psychical phenomena which are the interaction of feeling, cognition, and conation; nor does its etymology explain its nature or origin (*hysteria*, the womb), because it affected more men during the war than women. However, it is the simplest and the easiest disease to cure by suggestion, which is moral and psychical per-