

of development like that which generates low and vulgar ideas, having their counterpart in brutal instincts and words; always connected more or less with diseased and undeveloped nerve structures. All this is confirmed by clinical histories of numerous families, where for generations the criminal insane and inebriate neurosis has developed in one or more of the family.

Such persons possess a distinct neurosis, which manifests itself either in inebriety, insanity, epilepsy, criminality or pauperism; or, very commonly, two or more combined in one.

This degeneration may not be tangible to any physical examination, but later the autopsy and microscope often indicate distinct cell changes. Many of these cases are purely psychical, marked only by special symptoms which are often in themselves very obscure and sometimes associated with much intellectual vigor and genius, and display of great strength and weakness. The impairment or loss of the higher moral faculties, leaving the intellect clear, is a field of much obscurity, and beyond the fact that such is the case, little is known.

With this statement of the general facts, which seem to indicate the condition of organism and origin of these cases, we shall pass to a special consideration of some of the groups. First are those in which the inebriety seems more prominent than the criminality. They are seen quite frequently at inebriate asylums. Usually suffering from general exhaustion, they recover slowly, and entertain delusions amounting to delirium at times. They are very penitent during this time, and exhibit a humility and determination to reform that is almost abject. On recovery, they become sensitive, assuming, and boastful, and all the low criminal tendencies come out prominently. They interfere and meddle with a malicious spirit, creating trouble everywhere—are extremely slanderous and boastful, delighting in low stories, and low thoughts, complain bitterly of deprivation of their liberty, find fault with everything, and are changeable in disposition and insolent beyond measure. They are untruthful to an extreme degree and have no respect for their word, or for the judgment of others. They drink at all times and places, using all kinds of intrigue to accomplish this end. They will steal anything from their best friends, such as articles of clothing, furniture, and even food from their families and children to procure drink. Nothing can exceed the degradation and suffering which they relentlessly inflict on their nearest relations to gratify this one object.

In an asylum they are always running away, drinking and bringing liquor for others, stealing articles for the pawn-shop, and often not drinking to intoxication, but aiding others beyond that point. They are often agents for more designing men, who take advantage of their situation when drinking to stimulate them to