

gard to some of the cases. He alluded more particularly to those cases which Dr. Mills referred to as being the subjects of Jacksonian epilepsy. In these cases we have reason to believe there has been an irritative lesion directly localized in a definite portion of the brain. Cases of this kind have been operated upon, the discharging lesion has been removed, and certain cases have been permanently cured. Nevertheless, from the fact that some have recovered, he thought it would be well to give the patient at least the benefit of the doubt. In endeavoring to cure our patient we may also inflict a greater evil, and he himself shared very largely Mr. Macewen's opinion that to render a patient hemiplegic would be a very questionable cure for unilateral convulsions. There is still a good deal of work to be done both in regard to determine the function of the brain and also in determining the accurate diagnosis of cerebral disease. We know now a great deal more than was known a few years ago, but still there are regions which are practically to us a *terra incognita*, and it will require much laborious work before we can say we have gained a thorough knowledge of the functions of the brain. There are a good many differences still prevailing among those who believe thoroughly in the doctrine of localization in regard to the exact limits of the region supposed to be endowed with specific functions. These differences are regarded by the opponents of localization as signs of a divided household. He did not think so. He regards them as signs of healthy activity. They are only family jars. As there were several speakers to come after him, who were to address the Congress this evening, and particularly his distinguished colleague, Mr. Horsley, who has done so much for cerebral surgery, he would no longer trespass upon the patience of the audience, but would thank them for their very great reception of this evening with which they had favored him.

MR. HORSLEY remarked that in the course of what he had to say he should have occasion to refer to numerous experiments. These experiments have been performed by himself in conjunction with other observers, and therefore when he referred to them as his own work he wished they should understand that he was