

plainly are, normal cerebration being disturbed and irregular, or more commonly undeveloped and atavistic. Strip the mind of the higher educated and social results of evolution, whether by disease or by utter failure to keep up with civilized progress, and the egoistic instincts, the primal and basic of the *principii individuationis* are all that it has to fall back upon. Egomania raves and wantons pathetically, but also ludicrously, in every page of these sorry eddyites, "vibralogists," "mental scientists," distant healers, and ranters of a multitude of sub-varieties. The keynote of all the teaching is the infinite value of "I," the unlimited power of it, the eternal emphasis and repetition of it. In the worst cases and magazines the editor becomes one with God, and his sentences for pages are entirely meaningless drivel and word-swash, and one wonders how soon there must be a writ *de lunatico inquirendo* and a commitment to the asylum.

An interesting result of this uprush of commingled egotism and ignorance is that it pretends to be new, while in reality it is the living on of the old dirty medievalism which all historians know so well. One of the amusing characteristics of another "school" of medicine was its claim to be a brand new school, while it affected to look down upon the "old" school of scientific medicine. What was new was the laboratory, the science of the germ theory of disease, hygiene, scientific diagnosis, and the laws of health. What was "old" was the itch theory of disease, the mythical supernaturalism of high potencies, and a re-making of the medieval doctrine of signatures. So in the "New Thought" there is nothing newer than the African's voodooism; in the "New Christian Science" there is no newness, no christianity, no science. In vibralogy there is nothing but medieval magic and miracle mongering, and in osteopathy there is only the old English bonesetter's ignorance, plus the old impertinence of the old quack of the olden time. In other words, the entire brood of modern medical crazes and crankisms, while furiously contending that each is new, is in every cell of their being the very demonstration of the utter lack of the new or modern spirit, of the mental incapacity to take it on, or even to see it. Every modern discovery in biology, sociology, and medicine, is ignored. It is the spook of the middle ages ludicrously gibbering in a really new epoch of science, skill, and reason. It is atavism pure and simple; the old barbarism freed by democracy. It is a sequel of a rapid growth of the intelligent in many while the rest, not growing, become the neglected residue of stranded incapables upon our hands. Our punishment is the warning that in the last resort we are responsible for the wreckage. The only way we can abridge the evil is to set about the duty of primary physiologic and social education.