

It would be presumptuous to draw conclusions from the study of but ten cases, and but five submitted to treatment, yet there are a few deductions that we may be justified in making that correspond somewhat closely with the results of those whose opportunities afford wider scope for observation and deeper investigation. We note :

1. That five or 50 per cent. gave a history of pelvic pain or inflammatory trouble.
2. That three or 30 per cent. gave a history of sepsis following child-birth or miscarriage.
3. That seven presented well-marked disease of the sexual organism, while one showed an undeveloped condition, that is, 80 per cent. showed gross abnormality of the pelvic organs.
4. That of those who had marked pelvic lesions two had never complained of any local trouble, and so far as we could determine had no suspicion whatever of the presence of disease.
5. That of the four submitted to treatment one was completely cured physically and mentally, one improved and is still progressing, one died from cerebral disease, and one progressing favorably but not sufficiently advanced to be classified.
6. That these results coincide with those of Dr. Hobbs in the London asylum as reported at the meeting of the Ontario Medical Society.

Again we note that the direct history of puerperal sepsis in three cases with a grave probability in two others is an additional reminder that the greatest care should be exercised--asepsis and, if necessary, antisepsis--in the management of all cases of abortion, miscarriage and normal delivery.

In conclusion let it be clearly stated that nothing is further from the purpose of this paper than to suggest operative interference with the pelvic organs as a panacea for mental disease, but in a very feeble way to rally to the support of those who, strong in the knowledge that experience alone can give, and firm in the conviction that the time has come when a new proclamation of emancipation must be published to those in mental slavery, are leading us in a campaign against officially retrenched and fortified conservatism. We ask that our insane mothers, sisters and daughters be given the same consideration and treatment that we grant to those whose mentality is not disturbed. If Dr. Hobbs, out of 110 operated upon for gross lesions of the sexual organs, restored to health forty and has improved an additional twenty-five and that without a death attributable to the operations, and if the limited experience of others corresponds with these results, it becomes incumbent upon us (1) to make a pelvic examination of all women