

recoveries has risen from 33 per cent. to 51 per cent. I have noticed in about twenty of my own cases that a mild form of insanity was cured by a gynecological operation. The most striking results followed ventrofixation in women who were suffering from retroverted uterus with diseased tubes. Several of these had a suicidal mania, which disappeared immediately after the operation, and has not since returned. 2nd. It would appear that gynecological operations are very rarely followed by insanity in women who were previously sane. The cases of acute delirium lasting only for a day or two do not count, for they are mostly due to sepsis or iodoform poisoning. As far as I am aware, very little gynecology has been done on the insane women of this province, but a great field for doing good lies open to some one. In my opinion every insane woman, married or single, should be submitted to an examination under anæsthesia, for even single women very frequently suffer from severe retroversion and prolapse.

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EMPIRICAL USE OF REMEDIES.

Sir Thomas Watson, in his inaugural address, 1868, laid it down as the great object of the Society to attain "more exactness of knowledge and therefore more direct and intelligent purpose and more successful aim, in what is really the end and object of all our labours—the application of remedies for the cure and relief of disease."

Whilst rational therapeutics must follow in the wake of advancement in pathology and etiology, it is very remarkable how many of our remedies have preceded in their employment any adequate knowledge of the maladies for which they were