

She is able to live above her delusions, but I have no doubt is yet mentally infirm.

J. R. Mc.—Male; 41 years old when admitted. Habits good. No hereditary predisposition alleged. Cause of insanity, typhoid fever. This patient's symptoms were those of melancholia, being quite despondent. Is afraid he is going to be killed, and at the same time claims that he is dead. That his bowels never act, etc. After a short residence this patient improved physically and recovered mentally.

The type of insanity which we find exemplified in these cases is an intermediate state between acute and chronic disease, such as we observe in patients passing from acute attacks of melancholia or mania into the chronic forms. In only two of our cases was an acute form of melancholia present. One of these provides our only good recovery. The other man died of exhaustion. It would appear that the acute mental trouble occurs during the progress of the fever, and with the disappearance of the fever results in recovery; or if it passes into a recognized insane condition with a resultant damage to the brain, such as we recognize in the sub-acute forms of insanity. As would be expected in a case of insanity shewing such symptoms the outlook for recovery is not good. In looking over the different authors on this subject I was surprised at the variety of opinions therein set forth as to the prognosis.

OSLER:—"Post-febrile insanity is perhaps more frequent after typhoid than any other disease." "Five cases have come under my observation, in four of which recovery took place."

CLOUSTON:—"Post-febrile insanity may be said to be a very incurable form of insanity from the beginning." I do not think we can set forth a hard and fast rule, but that each case must be judged upon the symptoms presenting. It would seem from my observation that mental disease, appearing in the developmental stage after typhoid, is the least promising. Where the insanity presents acute symptoms, either of agitation or depression, in full manhood, there is a reasonable foundation for a hopeful prognosis, provided there is sufficient physical endurance to bear this strain. We had three such cases. One recovered, one recovered but has had a recurrence, and one died of exhaustion.