

Professor H. Cushing: But in the search for knowledge, the investigator did not exempt himself as a subject of so-called vivisection when the lower animals did not suffice for his purpose; nor would he even hesitate to endanger his life, whatever might be the ethics of the question, if thereby information was likely to be gained concerning some disease fatal to his kind. Men in the London School of Tropical Medicine had not hesitated to submit themselves to experiment. It did not seem to be realized by the opponents of such form of research as entailed experimentation upon animals how few individuals undertook it, for the work required elaborate preparation and expensive and delicate apparatus. The opponents of research need have no apprehension on the score of the infliction of pain nowadays.

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Sir J. Crichton Browne: While the preventive side of psychiatric medicine, founded on the etiological study of insanity, was its most hopeful aspect, its therapeutical side must not be neglected. Notwithstanding the vast sums expended on their construction, and their improved administration, the rate of recovery in our hospitals for the insane had fallen during the last fifty years. The lowering of the rate was probably in some measure to be ascribed to the cumulation of chronic cases, and to the increased resort to these hospitals, in the case of patients whose age and mental and physical condition precluded all hope of recovery. But, allowing for all that, it was clear that there had been no notable or efficacious advance in the remedial treatment of insanity during the period named, and that there was need for increased strenuousness in that clinical, pathological, and psychological investigation of it which a Congress like this must stimulate. The general health prospect of the country was brightening all round, but over our hospitals for the insane there was a settled gloom.

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Doctors and Temperance.—Two hundred doctors drawn from all parts of the world breakfasted one morning at the Grafton Galleries, the guests of the National Temperance League. Where were the other seven thousand three hundred—the morning after the night before?

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Professor Paul Ehrlich: To prevent the spread of, and to heal, infectious diseases was at all times the highest aim of medical aspirations.