

the digestive apparatus is interfered with by reflex irritation of the sympathetic, due to lacerated cervix, endometritis, etc.

5th. In a lesser number of cases the brain is prevented from working because the blood is badly oxygenated or loaded with uric acid, urea or other poison.

6th. Hundreds of cases are now on record of insanity being cured by removal of the cause, the greatest number of mental cures having followed ventro-fixation and shortening of the round ligaments for the removal of retro-displacements, while many others have followed the ablation of fibroids, cirrhotic ovaries, the repair of lacerated cervices and even curetting.

7th. Such being the case, it is the duty of the family physician to examine carefully every woman in his practice who becomes insane, or to have her examined by a gynecologist, and, if any pelvic disease is discovered, it should be remedied.

8th. It is the duty of every medical superintendent of an insane asylum to have a systematic examination made, preferably under anæsthesia, so that unsuspected sources of irritation of the sympathetic situated in the pelvis may be removed. In one asylum alone this course has resulted in improvement in 60 per cent., and recovery, mentally, of 42 per cent. of those operated upon, although the pelvic troubles had existed for from six to sixteen years.

9th. If anything is done, it must be done thoroughly, as several cases have been reported where no benefit resulted until a second and more complete operation was performed.

10th. In view of the number of women who become insane from uraemia, more care should be exercised by practitioners in preventing this condition. All Protestant physicians should, with the advice and approval of one or two colleagues, empty the uterus before the kidneys become permanently damaged. (Catholic physicians are not allowed by their church to sacrifice the ovum in order to save the mother).