

given to the psychological factors in disease is lamentably small and inefficient. Through this open and poorly protected portal ignorant, avaricious cults swarm in and defile the temple of scientific medicine. I do not detain you now to ask what our psychic conditions may be after we enter

“The undiscover'd country from whose bourne no traveller returns.”

If our environment there be congenial for quiet meditation, we will have no time limitations for study of this and kindred mysteries. Of one thing rest assured, while this physical life lasts mind and body are indissolubly united. Each exerts a very potent influence over the other. This holds true under normal as well as abnormal conditions, as can be easily proved. Take, for instance, a child who has lost a top or sprained an ankle; in every cry and gesture he gives abundant evidence of mental or physical suffering. Restore the lost article, the mental anguish is gone; tell him a funny story about dog or cat, you can manipulate the joint, rub on the liniment and apply the bandage with about as little suffering as if an anesthetic had been given. The adult is but the child grown to manhood with increased physical development, knowledge, wisdom and experience. No sane physician ignores psychic conditions in childhood, why do so in adult life? Is it not the physician's duty to acquire an equal degree of knowledge, tact and experience in dealing with psychic as he has for dealing with physical conditions? The benefit to be derived from this equipment will be about as great in the one case as in the other.

This can be easily demonstrated. Whence come the great mass of victims drawn into the nets of these religio-medical cults? Not from the fields of surgery. Mary Baker Eddy says to the man with a broken limb, “Go to your surgeon.” Not many are drawn from the aurist or oculist. The host strays from the psychological section. Nervous exhaustion, “brain-fag,” or neurasthenia, is the recruiting ground wherein victims never fail the religio-medical charlatan. Not until the regular medical profession investigates the psychological as effectively as it has the other departments—internal medicine, surgery, obstetrics, etc., will these pseudo-religio-medical Hittites and Amorites find themselves bereft of any medical Canaan to exploit, with their malevolent influence nullified and gone.

In conclusion, the vastness of the subject and the limitations of a brief paper allow the writer to review only a few factors, to offer a few suggestions; but if these help in any degree to inspire to more careful study of sick-room psychology, the object of the paper will be realized.