

example he sets for his sons. He takes his boys to the saloon. He does not take his daughters. We talk a great deal about the alcoholic question—and I am not a Prohibitionist, never voted the Prohibition ticket—but in the last few years I am wonderfully down on the saloon and I want to see the day come when the saloon is banished. It is one of the vents of hell for the habit of intemperance and for every other vice and crime that has been mentioned in these papers here today. God help us to vote it down!

Dr. A. C. Kimberlin, Indianapolis: Some one has said that if parents would buy skates for their children instead of books they would have a much happier family. There is a story of a certain king in whose family there was a tendency to insanity. The king had one son. He educated this son separate and independent from any one who was predisposed to insanity and did everything that medical skill could devise to protect his son. He kept him away until he reached his maturity, when he was suddenly seized with insanity. Certainly we have to stand aside for heredity. Drug addictions, etc., become causes. Everything that plays with the powers of reason is most disastrous, but, as Dr. Hutchins has emphasized, the victims are those who have been well trained, of good social standing, and we have to go back to a family evidence of an unbalanced mind, and there is a predisposition that we must take account of. Yet we should be exceedingly careful in making representations to the case. They respect you and they esteem you as their friend, and what you say is not manifest then, but we find the influence of it later.

Dr. Charles F. Neu: I have nothing in addition to add to what has been said. As mentioned in the paper, the coming thing is prevention, and the first step is the question of education. I quite agree with Dr. Sterne that it would be most injurious to impress upon any individual the influence of heredity. The first point is educating the physicians themselves. That is where it should begin in order that we may be in position to recognize the progression of these more marked things which are to follow.

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