

the mass of the population will be educated, and until the time comes when politicians will dare to do what is right. As neither of these events are likely to occur during the present generation of men, the unrighteous method of hiring out the insane now in force will be continued.

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### THE TREATMENT OF FUNCTIONAL NERVOUS DISEASES BY CORRECTION OF OCULAR DEFECTS.

The Commission appointed by the New York Neurological Society to enquire into the results of the correction of ocular defects, in the treatment of epilepsy and chorea, have reported, on the whole, unfavorably towards this procedure. They examined into fourteen cases, and report six improved but none cured. The result of this enquiry affords an additional proof of the folly of rushing into print, and claiming at once for new methods results which can only be determined by prolonged and careful investigation. That six cases were improved may be considered as saying much in favor of this operation by some, while by others it will be looked upon simply as a happy coincidence. The latter can, no doubt, bring forward abundant proof that almost any treatment would be followed by similar results. That such a procedure should be curative in any case of essential epilepsy or chronic chorea, appears to us, on purely physiological grounds, to be highly improbable.