

four years of age, when she had small-pox, was an attack, on two occasions some years ago, of hysteria induced by fright. These attacks were of short duration and the recovery complete. Her father—up to the time of his last illness being a hale hearty man—died at the age of sixty-two years, of congestion of the brain. Her mother is alive and in good health, aged sixty-four. It is well to mention here that during the second week of her daughter's illness she was suddenly seized late in the evening with a severe epileptic convulsion which recurred, with intervals of semi-consciousness, several times during the night. This is the only attack of the sort she has ever experienced and was no doubt occasioned by over exertion and want of rest added to her extreme anxiety on her daughter's account. She recovered completely on the third day. This seizure in the absence of a satisfactory family history, which could not be obtained, is of a certain value as regards her daughter's derangement. The patient has two brothers and one sister older than she, all of whom have always been healthy. She was ordered to bed, to be kept quiet and to have a dose of morphia at bed time.

October 16.—Slept comfortably for several hours during the night. Is much excited. Conversation disconnected and rapid. Does not complain of pain or any inconvenience. Answers questions rationally but immediately relapses. Pulse still rapid and weak. Pupils and skin normal. Ordered Potas. bromid. gr. xx. terindie.

17th October.—Consultation with Dr. Craik. Symptoms of mental disease all increased. Great excitement. Hysterical in character. Dwelling on love and kindred subjects. No sleep last night. Ordered Chloral hydrat. gr. xx. to be given at bed time if necessary to procure sleep. She continued much the same until the 22nd when violent mania was developed. It required the united force of three strong persons to restrain her and on the 23rd a strait waistcoat and bandages had to be used. She remained in this state until the evening of the 26th when the fierce delirium