

nity, the early educators in the schools, but that ought to be combined with the physician's influence, because in this environment lies the situation at the present time. If there is one thing we need in these cases of neurasthenia it is the old-styled faculty of common sense—it is good common horse sense. We have these cases coming to us with distorted ideas and opinions which seem to us ridiculous. What is the thing at fault? It is simply the inability to see themselves as they are. If, instead of trying the various forms of hypnotism, sending them off on trips—if we would simply take these patients and on the idea that "a little knowledge is a dangerous thing," work the thing out on a sensible basis, and say to them if you have this idea you must give a reason for it. Have them reason out these ideas and see that these reasons bear the light of investigation.

If they can not do that in the conversation, have them keep a book, a ledger, and have them keep an account of every idea and have them present the reasons for and against and then go to some person and sit down and reason it out with them on the ground of common sense. Many of these brains are simply twisted—warped—and if we have hereditary strain we can not help that. We can not take that strain off of these people, and we will have to train up these brains to meet it and that can only be done by developing the reasoning faculties.

Dr. George T. McCoy, of Columbus: I just want to speak one word. The question of heredity has been brought out very fully but the question of early training has only been hinted at. I believe that the early training of the child has much to do with its history thereafter, and at the risk of being called an old fogy I will say that I am opposed to the kindergarten for that reason. You educate the mental, and I would much rather that my children spend their time making mud pies and wading the creek than attending kindergarten.

Dr. G. W. H. Kemper, of Muncie: There has been something said in the paper, and very particularly too, in regard to the alcoholic question. And I notice that heredity in this day always hits the boys and not the girls; so I am inclined to think that with the man inclined to the habit, that it is the