

endeavor, as far as possible, to take the patient from under influences of that sort. Another regrettable point is the failure of the object for which the operation was undertaken, viz., recurrence of the epilepsy. He believed this was almost invariably due to incomplete operations. Cases in which he had completely removed not only the lesion but also at least one centimetre of the surrounding brain substance remained free from epilepsy. The cases in which the epilepsy recurred, he did not remove, to his entire satisfaction, all the damaged brain substance around the lesion. The prognosis of a case after operation must be guarded. If we operate upon such cases, it must be early. He thought there was some danger of doing too much in certain cases. He believed, on the other hand, that they stood in considerable danger from statistics. In conclusion, he begged to thank the members for the very kind manner in which they had received him to-night, and also for the generous feeling of hospitality and friendship with which they greeted him on his visit to this country.

DR. KEEN of Philadelphia said that we distinguish in the body three cavities—the cavity of the head, the cavity of the chest, and the cavity common to the abdomen and pelvis. In the chest, abdomen and pelvis we recognize a large number of separate and distinct viscera with separate and distinct functions. We can investigate the diseases of each viscus and locate them according to the physical signs and the symptoms presented by the history of the case. Until very lately the head was regarded as a cavity containing one viscus acting in its entirety like the liver, spleen or kidney. If it were affected, we were not able to distinguish one part from the other, but in his opinion we ought to regard the brain cavity precisely as we regard the chest cavity or the abdominal cavity, as a cavity containing a number of viscera, fused physically but separate physiologically. If we recognize this fact that the head cavity is a cavity containing a number of viscera, and that each viscus has its appropriate function, we shall at once have a much clearer conception of the functions of the head and its viscera, and, therefore, of their diseases and injuries. He was very glad that a warning note had been sounded