

The tests as to muscular strength were made of course by examinations repeated sufficiently often to justify me in my own mind, in assuming that I had arrived at about what was the limit of the muscular power in the individual before I proceeded to operate.

I have not operated upon any of these cases where it was fair to assume that the headaches were due to a fault in the general health. Surely if a person comes to you with a history of having headaches for fifteen or twenty years, it is absurd to assume that it is due to some fault in the general health which can be cured by giving him some trumpery drug or other. As a general rule, long-continued trouble of this kind depends upon something pertaining to the individual, which cannot be so easily corrected. If in the course of ten or fifteen years an individual has not had opportunity of improving his health in such a way that he can correct headaches depending on it, it is certainly remarkable, but if he comes to you with headaches, and obvious errors of ocular functions are detected, such as to entitle one to assume that their correction may lead to some beneficial result, and after the operation your patient steadily recovers from the malady which has pursued him for ten or twenty years, surely it is fair then to assume that at least your result was due to the therapeutic measures you adopted.