

I do not think that either of the two preceeding female cases, came up to the full standard of general paralysis; but as they have been the nearest approximations I have met with in our female wards, I have thought it not undesirable to record them in this report.

Among the deaths four are ascribed to serous apoplexy. It is, however, my belief, that this term as applied by medical writers, has been used to include cases which we distinctively designate general paralysis; and though the latter itself is a rather inappropriate name, it is less objectionable than the other; for serous apoplexy, or free effusion of serum on the surface of the brain, and within its ventricles, though one of the most usual facts in general paralysis, is not constant; but that peculiar, imperfect and progressive paralysis, which has given name to this remarkable form of insanity, is a constant fact in the disease called general paralysis. Three of the four cases called serous apoplexy, occurred in patients who, though many years insane, never had paralysis before the apoplectic seizure causing death.

The fourth had paralysis of one side for many years, with epilepsy; one of the three free from paralysis, was also an epileptic of very many years.

I think it is as proper to give these four cases a separate rank, as to do so with the case of the old woman, who died of hæmorrhagic apoplexy, after twenty-two years of insanity.

As in my quarterly and other intermediate reports to your Board, the ordinary affairs of the asylum have been fully considered, it is unnecessary here to refer to them. The improvements which have been authorized by your Board, merit the public gratitude; and the benefits resulting will, I trust, suggest further good work.