

ous, depending on the predominant character of the delusion that is present. Some are gay and highly excited—laugh, talk, and sing—fancy themselves deities, kings, learned and noble.

“ Some patients, when labouring under this form, are excessively irascible, and even without any apparent cause, are suddenly hurried into a violent passion or fury. It is while labouring under this that they become dangerous to themselves or to those around them. They will seize any weapon, and strike others or themselves—though sometimes conscious of their situation. An internal sensation is perceived—as a burning heat with pulsation within the skull, previous to this excitement. This description of lunatics eat much, but sometimes they endure hunger with great obstinacy; they have frequent pains in the bowels, and costiveness is common. The pulse is full, hard and strong, and the skin warm. Probably this is a form of insanity as common as any other. It is also said to be less durable, and to end more favorably.

“ *Melancholy* rarely affects athletic persons, and is characterized by black hair and eyes—a striking cast of countenance, as the complexion is either yellow, brown, or blackish—the impression of heat or cold are slightly noticed. The physiognomy is wrinkled and languid, yet sometimes the muscles of the face convulsively tense, and the countenance is full of fire.

“ The pupils of the eye are dilated, and that organ has a peculiarly dull muddy look, rolling heavily on surrounding objects, if it can be roused to move at all. But ordinarily it is fixed with an unmeaning stare on vacancy. The adnata is commonly painted with a dull purplish red—holding a strong light near the eyes, produces a very transient effect.

“ Pain is said by some recovered patients to have preceded the attack—sometimes fixed, but more commonly wandering, and the suffering by this is extreme. Great apprehension,