

a paper, but gave a charmingly lucid lecture copiously illustrated on the screen. In spite of its interesting character it was impossible to take notes, as the lights were turned out. Dr. Barker, however, said that he would send a paper to the association and no doubt those who see the association journal will have the opportunity of reading the account of an engrossing and to some extent an original subject.

Dr. Barker, who is a remarkably fascinating lecturer and personality, gave the visitors to the meeting the chance of hearing him at his best in the public health section. He gave a short address on mental hygiene, a question in which he is greatly interested, and of the popular movement in this direction for which he was the prime mover in the United States. By the term mental hygiene he explained that was meant the improvement and conservation of mental health to make men think better, act better, and become better than now. The imbecile, the criminal, the prostitute, the insane, were so because they had to be. The majority had been born with a bad brain, and acted as their brain directed, while others, although born with a good brain, because of some deleterious act, acted wrongly or criminally. Dr. Barker deprecated the idea that there were any grounds for antagonism between the views of the eugenists and the enthenists. Eugenists believe largely in the influence of heredity and the enthenists in that of environment. Both schools are of equal importance, and there should be no quarrel.

Dr. Barker sketched the campaign now going on in the United States to bring before the public, the medical profession and the law givers the importance of mental hygiene, and he suggested that it might be to the benefit of the public if judges were to make a study and practice of mental hygiene.

The discussions in the Public Health Section relating to medical inspection of school children and to venereal diseases were of immense importance and deserving of more consideration than can be given them in this short account. Suffice it to say, that for the proper carrying out of measures calculated to provide efficient medical inspection of schools and to control the spread or possibly to stamp out venereal diseases, it appeared to be the general opinion of those present, that federal domination would be the true solution of the problem. In provincial and municipal domination, politics were bound to influence and hinder. Dr. Halpenny was especially insistent on the view of the situation.

A committee was formed to report on both of these matters. The report on venereal diseases was handed in on June 26 by Professor