

the first two weeks her mind would wander for a moment only each day, when she would be instantly checked by the nurse, who could easily get the mental operations back to the realm of reason. Only rarely did she return to her religious delusions. She recognized her husband and discussed plans for the future, and since the beginning of the third week she has exhibited no indications of mental abnormality.

It is a matter of the utmost importance in these cases that the nurse possess mental power sufficiently strong to cope with, conquer, and dispel the slightest indication of any reversion to former abnormal habits of thought and expression. From a very limited observation of these cases I am led to conclude that a vicious mental habit is a factor of no small importance in these cases, and, again, the importance of nutrition must not be overlooked. The best of food, daintily prepared with the most vigorous hæmatinic tonics, should be given. Patients have complained at the Asylum of the fare being not of the most tempting description, and not calculated to whet the appetite and stimulate digestion, but I fail to see how it could be otherwise in a large public institution. Regular evacuations and blood rich in hemoglobin are the best eliminators of ptomaines with which the tissues may have been saturated during years of impaired function and organic agony. In the nine months following the operation upon my first case the patient was transformed from a spare anemic woman to rosy robustness, with an increase of thirty-five pounds' bodily weight.

Let it not be forgotten that surgery is but a part of the treatment in these cases, but the most important part.