C. General Adroitness comparable with Dextrality. -This may refer to either manual skill or mental expertness, and the expression in question is clearly a metaphorical one. "Dextrous" (var. dexterous, dexterious), seems marked out by its characteristic plenary termination for use in this metaphorical sense of "full of righthandedness." The term has been used in seven different connotations. All these are obsolete except the one here indicated, though it is still sometimes used unnecessarily to signify right-handed. " Dextrously " is used as the corresponding adverb, though it also is occasionally used to signify "with the right hand." "Dextrousness" is obviously the corresponding substantive and should be confined to the metaphorical sense of indicating "an excess of aptitude over the normal in any given function to which it is applied, comparable with that excess over the left hand characteristic of the normal right." This, of course, is the current connotation of the word. "Dexterical" is sometimes used as a synonym for dextrous; it seems an unnecessary word unless it be found convenient to employ it to indicate manual adroitness as distinct from mental.

In the above account it will be noticed that definition of the commonest word of the group, "dexterity," is omitted. This word has been used in five different senses, the commonest being synonymous with dextrousness. It has entered so fully into common speech that it seems to me impossible to rescue it for any scientific purpose; it must, therefore, be recognised that it is a non-scientific expression used with no precise connotation.

Examples of the connotations above defined are best given by describing the common facts of right-handedness in the terms in question. Thus, in the normal person the dextral hand is the right, in a small number it is the left, and in a still smaller number both hands are dextral. All individuals can from this point of view be divided into three groups:

1. Unidextrals.—There are two subgroups (a) dextro-dextrals or right-handed individuals, dextrality being