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DANGER OF DEVELOPING NERVOUS TRAITS

Notable Address Delivered by Dr. S. Weir Mitchell to the Teachers of the Public Schools of Philadelphia.

The first of a series of lectures arranged by and for the principals and teachers of the public schools of Philadelphia was delivered by Dr. B. Wher Mitchell, famous both as a neurologist and author. His subject was "The Nervous Diseases of Children."

Dr. Mitchell said, in part:

Year after year children in multitudes come to you, pass through the schools, scatter, fulfill their lives, marry, die. All through their varied careers they carry more or less the character record of their school life; some you mark and valuably modify for life; some you mark and valuably modify for life; some you mark and valuably modify for life; some you canont impress. At all events, it is a trust vital to the future of our people.

It is so easy to deal with it unjustly. In my own profession, which, too, in a way, is educational, the long years of labor, onesify the consciences of some men, and for others the years which bring experience and wisdom, its child, bring, too, an increasing tenderness of conscience, a larger view of professional obligation, a feeling that to keep tyrat with duty is the finest moral punctuality. For me patients are individuals, and there is nothing to their lives, ways, habits of character which is liness it is untimortant to know. With you it should be the same, or much the same. This antounding fact of individuality never loses for mic an interest which is almost fascination. For you was and the rest subtice, is almost fascination. For you was and the rest subtice, is almost restanting to the provide and the proposition of the dividuality never loses for me an interest which is a almost fascination. For you was and the natural to the providuality never loses for me an interest which is almost fascination. For you was a series of the fact of the day goods for spring are now soid, and the trade of such restances and the trade of the day goods for spring are now soid, and the trade of such restances and the trade of the day goods for spring are now soid, and travely needs treatment, and the trade of th dividuality never loses for me an interest which is almost fascination. For you there are thousands of children at various ages. Every one of them is distinct and different from the other.

The ordinary human being responds to well known ways to medical agencies Then come the exceptional people, and at you have repeated the lesson that medicine is an art, not a science; that the doctor who fails to interrogate individuals had better go and measure tape or be a

car conductor There are teachers in whom the grouped capacities which represent educational talent rise almost to the level of genius, and there are the naturalists of pedagogy for whom character, temperament and mental peculiarities appear to have no secrets. If you have not this gift of being an observer by the grace of God, rest assured that you can become sufficiently competent by wakeful, steady cultivation of the art of seeing and hearing what your senses report of the busy little creatures in your care.

Study Dull Children.

You find in every class a proportion of very dull children. They may be willingmay try to work. They merely cannot keep up. A smaller number of them fall back, only to fall again. Of these will be a still smaller fraction who can neither reason clearly nor remember even moderately well. Are they only dull, or is their mental mechanism hopelessly below the average? You, I suppose, are to decide if they should be relegated to the school for the imperfect. I do not envy you the task of deciding. They may be underfed. Who well as the well fed can? I doubt it. There must be in every large group of children, especially notable at the age of adolescence some who become gradually inert, dull, less your most kindly attention.

Before you conclude such effects to essentially and primarily of the mind organs alone, be sure, through the help of some physician, that it is not the eyes, throat or digestion or evil habits that are responsible. If these children must be relegated to the merely slow-minded, the peculiar, the mildly eccentric, there should the Aleution islands. be for these in each large school distinct

vide for the higher grade of the really defective. For them you require what I have illuded to, special schools, with manual training and methods not needed in schools for the healthy-minded or even the merely dull or peculiar. For both types the system demanded requires unusual pedagogic capacity and power to individualise.

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For them the examinations are terrible tests, and indeed these periods for many others are the cause of bringing out defects and maturing mischlef. They are the cause of bringing out defects and maturing mischlef. They are the cause of bringing out defects and maturing mischlef. They are the cause of bringing out defects and maturing mischlef. They are the cause of bringing out defects and maturing mischlef. fects and maturing mischief. They are the cause of much nervousness and hysteria and the like in the women's colleges and are injurious to those who are both ambitious and emotional.

Some fifteen years ago a great deal too much was exacted in the Girls' High school. How it is now I do not know, nor do I know if in any grades too much is required. I know well that in our universities fifteen to seventeen hours a week of ecture and study suffice for the average man. It is pure farce. Once out of the universities and in the medical profession they are compelled to study fifty or sixty

St. Vitus' Dance.

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any other time, you observe a child becoming awkward in movements, twitching letting books fall, it would be well to send the child home, or at least to call atten-

And this is to be done not only in the interests of the child, but because other children in their tendency to become automatically imitative are apt by a kind of mental contagion to acquire some form of the disorder. I have over and over seen it spread in the schools and give rise to Sharp Advance in Price of Rubber much annoyance. It needs long rest from mind work, for at its worst it lessens the memory and the power of attention, excites remark and disturbs the speech,

It is easily confounded with a minor malady from which I separated it many

Now and then a child in the school may have a fit. If it be a boy, it is, as a rule, epilepsy. If seen in a nervous, overworked girl, it may be merely a hysterical convulsion. In either case it is apt to alarm others, and it is best to have the child at once removed from the room. In neither case is there need to be alarmed. The hysteria passes. The eptlepsy is more grave, and it is pretty surely epilepsy if the child froths at the mouth, bites the tongue and ends in stupor.

It is not always easy to be sure which it is. Both cases may need other care than yours, but epileptics do not die in Sometimes a child, while reciting, stares, ceases to speak, is unconscious for a moment. At home it passes unregarded and unnoticed. It is what we call minor epilepsy, and you will serve the child by calling attention to this serious disorder.

I come last to the subject of headaches, and here you may be of the utmost service, for headaches are too commonly regarded as of no moment in the homes of such children as make up the largest part of your classes.

It is rare nowadays to find nervous systems wrecked by inveterate headaches and vertigo, but thirty years ago this resultant disaster was common. At that time I had the good luck to tell my profession how a large per cent of headaches was due to bad eyes, and to have wrestled with such a common evil as headache and taught how surely to deal with it. I count it as one of the happiest memories of a lifelong contest with disease.

Sometimes imperfect eyes cause vertigo. or such confusion of mind as makes study impossible. The child gets credit for being shall decide? Can the underfed study as stupid or idle, and then a pair of glasses may make the differential diagnosis be tween lazy vice and studious virtue. Nervous children, lazy children, and some

who are spoiled at home are quite clever capable. Any such sudden or gradual al- little malignerers, and will affect symptoms and simulate sickness. I hardly know how to treat it. It needs

kindness, firmness, and is quite too long a chapter for my time.

RELIGIOUS.

The Young Men's Christian association of South Bend, Ind., has received a donation

South Bend, Ind., has received a donation of \$250,000 from Studebaker Bros. for a new building. Rev. L. S. Stevens, for twenty-two years rector of Zion church, Pontiac, Mich., has resigned active work and has been creeated rector emeritus of the parish.

It is announced that an army of 5,000 Zionites will invade Sale Lake City. Utah. next August. Three of the chief officers of Zion have visited Utah recently to survey their contemplated field of action.

Bishop Whitehead and fifteen of the clergy of Pittsburg, Allegheny, and their suburbs, have addressed a letter to their congreations urging that church people should not conficuance the intrusion of grand opera into the solemn devotions of holy week. Bishop Greer says: "I have learned more lessons of courage, patience, bravery and splendid heroism from the poor of this city (New York) than from any other class. Whatever you do, don't go among the poor in a spirit of patronage—nothing is so deadly."

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Rev. Dr. William A. Robinson, pagtor of the First Congregational church of Middletown. N. Y., surprised his congregation by handing in his resignation after thirtynine years' service in the ministry. He said he was 64 years old and as army officers were retireed at that age he thought he would retire.

Many years ago I undertook to study in my clinics the causes of the disorder known as chorea, or St. Vitus' dance. It turned out that weather had a share—the months of storms—that the chorea curve also rose abruptly at the periods of examination and their time of approach. When, therefore, at these sensons or at

CONDITION OF OMAHA TRADE

Not So Many Buyers in the City, but Order Business Very Brisk.

MERCHANTS BUYING FALL GOODS FREELY

Footwear and Another One Announced for June-General Market Strong.

Collections are reported as being only fair. They have been in worse condition and they have also been better. They are not so slow, however, as to cause any un-

House Trade Not So Brisk.

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There were comparatively few visiting merchants on the Omaha dry goods market last week. Wholesalers, though, have been expecting a failing off in the number of buyers for some time past, as the season opened unusually early this year, and for that reason should have closed early. As a matter of fact, though, the demand has haid on longer than usuf, and jobbers report their sales of spring goods much heavier than a year ago. Order trads, both through traveling salesmen and direct from merchants, continues very liberal.

When it comes to advance business for fall wholesalers all have a good word to say. Some of them, in fact, report their sales so far about double what they were a year ago. Traveling salesmen are all on the road with their fall samples, and are much encouraged with the success they have had. They are selling large quantities of biankets, shaker fannels, domets, mottled flannels, hosiery, underwear, shirts and duck goods.

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There have been no particular changes in the market for cotton goods during the week under review and none are looked for at the present time. The advances from the old basis have been very slight on nearly all lines. In this connection a local jobber said that checked ginghams have advanced only uc in the last fifteen months, fancy and staple prints only uc in the last year, while print cloths are nearly le per yard higher than a year ago.

Ticks and denims have been advanced more than other lines of cotton goods, due no doubt in the case of denims to the fact that the use of duck and denims cloth seems to have increased each year, while the production of those fabrics is not greater than formerly.

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greater than formerly.

To get deliveries of staple lines is now the greatest problem with jobbers, and it is not thought that there will be any improvement in that line for some time to come.

Wholesale grocers report the demand for their line of goods as being exceptionally good for this season of the year, and better than a year ago. There have not been many important market changes, however, but prices are firm all along the line, with but leve exceptions. iew exceptions.

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In dried truits the demand is reported very active, with great pressure to seil on the part of Oregon prune holders, but on almost every other line of dried fruits the market has been in the sellers' favor. Approots and peaches, in particular, are in a very strong position, with the tendency of prices upward. The same is true of evaporated apples and raspberries from New' York state. Apples show an advance of all the last ten days and raspberries are held by a few shippers at an advance of all per lb. over quotations ruling a week ago.

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The demand for canned goods has improved from week to week, and particularly has that been true of tematoes and canned fruits. The price of corn is so high and the supply so limited that the goods are moving out in a small way. The demand is improving for salmon and it is thought that the recent advance will be sustained on pink fish, while trading is active at full prices on first-class red Alaska.

There has been no change in the market on either tea or coffee during the week under review.

Advance in Price of Rubbers.

The advance in the price of rubber footwear amounting to 7½ per cant, which went into effect the first of last week, was a surprise to the trade in general. Jobbers were expecting an advance the first of June, but they had no intimation that there would be an advance before that time, at least not without notice. Another advance of 5 per sent is being announced to take effect June 1. The reason given for these sharp advances is the continued rise in the price of crude rubber, which has forced manufacturers to advance their prices or run their plants at a loss. A great many retailers have taken the advise of jobbers and have already placed their orders for fall rubbers. More of them, in fact, have done that this year than ever before, and they, of course, are now in a much better position than those who have not bought. It is expected now that practically every merchant will protect himself against the advance announced for June 1 and traveling men for that reason expect to book an immense amount of business during the next few weeks.

Immediate business in the rubber line is naturally quiet. There have been no general rains as yet and until spring rains do set in jobbers do not expect much business for immediate shipment.

In the leather goods line trade is very fair. More stormy weather would undoubtedly help the trade to quite an extent but still jobbers, as a rule, are well satisfied with the trade they have experienced up to the present time. Tan shoes have been selling to some extent this season, but jobbers say the demand out through the country will be rather limited. In the larger cities they will be worn to some extent this season, but jobbers say the demand out through the country will be rather limited. In the larger cities they will be worn to some extent in the higher priced lines, but not much trade is expected in the cheaper class of goods.

Hardware Active and Steady. Advance in Price of Rubbers,

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The hardware market has shown very little change during the week under review. Prices are firm on practically all lines, but there have been no quotable changes that are worthy of mention. Not only that, but jobbers look for a good healthy market for some time to come with very few fluctuations in either direction.

So far as trade is concerned jobbers have no complaint to make. All seasonable lines are moving out very freely and, in fact, the demand is, if anything, in excess of expectations. Steel goods, builders hardware and all season goods are good sellers.

Fruits and Produce.

The strawberry season is practically at hand. This week jobbers expect them to arrive in carload lots and, according to advices received, the quality will be good and prices reasonable. Last week grocers were retailing berries at 20 cents per quart, which is a very moderate price for this time of year.

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The demand for oranges has been very liberal, prices ranging from \$2.40 to \$2.75. Apples are also selling freely, but prices are unchanged.

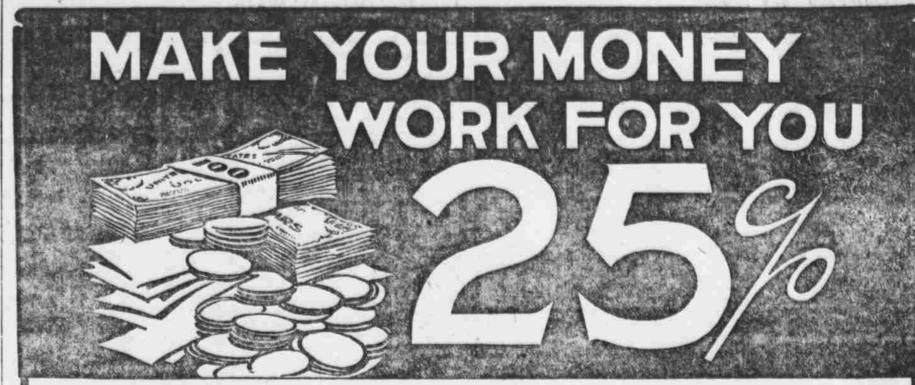
In the vegetable line the green stuff is now attracting a good deal of attention, as the supply is better and prices more moderate, as will be seen from the quotations in another column. Potatoes keep going up, native now selling at \$1 and Colorados at \$1.30.

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The egg market has been a little lower the last few days, prices ranging around it cents. Poulity, on the other hand, has been scarce and firm. Butter has shown but little change in either direction.

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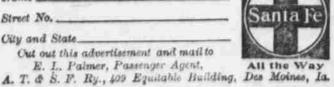
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