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Medico-Legal Congress Resolves in Favor of Including Medical Jurisprudence in Every Student's Course of Studies.

New York, Sep. 6.—The afternoon session of the Medico-Legal congress was opened by the reading of a paper by Clark Bell on "Hypnotism in the Courts of Law."

Mr. Bell sent a letter to several prominent physicians asking "Can Crime be Committed by the Hypnotic Power, the subject being the unconscious and innocent agent and instrument? If the subject is unconscious and even unwilling, has the hypnotizer such power and domination over the hypnotized as could control action to the extent of the commission of a crime? Is it possible to remove by hypnotic suggestion from the mind of the subject all memory of acts or occurrences which happened in the hypnotic state? Would it be possible for a hypnotizer to so control a hypnotized subject as to, for example, make him sign a will in the presence of third persons, declare it to be his will and request them to sign as attesting witnesses, and afterwards wholly unconscious of the occurrence? Or a note of hand, or a check?"

Reports in the affirmative were received from several eminent professors, while others, conceding that persons in a hypnotic state are constantly amenable to control by suggestion, denied that hypnotism has any place in criminal jurisprudence as a defense for crime. Mr. Bell pointed out that it appeared that the majority of medical men in this country did not recognize hypnotic influence as a defense. The lawyers and judges were on the same ground as the doctors.

In the courts of England the contrary was the fact and men of the highest character and professional attainments devoted their best efforts to its study and elucidation. As it was with professional men, so it was with the people.

Professor Carl Sextus of Chicago wrote to say that a natural criminal could be made to do criminal acts under hypnotic influence, but not in a person of real moral worth.

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Dr. W. L. Howard of Baltimore said that hypnotism was a reality. He gave several instances of hypnotized persons in Baltimore, including his own servant, whom he sent to a neighboring physician's laboratory to steal everything the doctor had.

Dr. Grover of Massachusetts tells of a young lady in Boston who had a tendency to tuberculosis being cured by hypnotic influence.

The following resolution was adopted on motion of Clark Bell: Resolved, That in the opinion of this Medico-Legal congress, not only should the subject of hypnotism be recognized in the various institutions of learning but in medical and law schools of this country that such schools include it in their studies and that attention be given to it should be necessary for the graduation in either medicine or law.

On motion of R. S. Ransom the following was passed: Resolved, That it is the duty and would add interest and benefit to the legal and medical profession if every national and state medical society and every national and state law society in the United States and British provinces should appoint a standing committee upon medical jurisprudence.

The session then adjourned and the congress ended with a banquet and reception tonight.

DEURANT TRIAL DIES SLOWLY. So Far It Has Been Established that Blanche Lamont is Dead.

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 6.—The taking of testimony in the trial of Theodore Durant is proceeding slowly. During the three days in which witnesses have been on the stand all that has been established is that Blanche Lamont is dead and that her body bears marks of violence.

The prosecution is inclined to make waiting no time in unnecessary queries. On the other hand the defense seems to be threatening uncertainties and searching for technicalities. In the cross examination of witnesses the defendant's attorneys continually throw out fishing lines hoping to catch a discrepancy in the testimony. They are diligently seeking flaws but as yet have not found any that are material. The police detectives are still gathering testimony to strengthen the prosecution. It is now said that the defense will rely largely on the inability of the prosecution proving its case beyond any doubt.

Today's witnesses in the trial were introduced by the prosecution to complete the evidence that Blanche Lamont was murdered. Detective Gibson, who accompanied Detective Gibson to the church on the day Blanche Lamont's body was discovered, testified to the condition of the corpse and to the presence of blood on the floor near the girl's head on the belfry stairs and on the floor where it had dripped from a pipe.

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