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Highlights of the morning sessions of the Section were:

A suggestion that more research be done in genetic guidance institutes since many illnesses affecting older people have their origin in hereditary factors.

Minimum standards were set up for use by physicians in the early detection of the diseases of old age. This involved such items as careful social, economic, and work history taking, complete physical examinations and laboratory studies.

Agreement that wherever possible the infirm older person should be cared for in his own home and in a normal environment after investigation reveals this to be adequate for his needs.

While perfect health is not attainable, we can determine by research the maximum levels which can be expected of an individual at any stage of life and use that as a health goal. In achieving this we must help the individual to help himself since good health cannot be a handout but involves great effort on the part of the older person.

The community has a responsibility to help the aged individual become independent and it should protect him against predictable hazards.

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