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During the early part of last year a good deal of discussion took place in medical and lay circles regarding the subject of clinics for the treatment of mental disease. Many excellent, and some unwise things were said and published, but on the whole, good followed, and in a general way people learned something of the trend of modern methods in dealing with problems not thoroughly understood, even by many who have been caring for the insane for years. It has been suggested that some of the results of a trip to Europe, made with the express purpose of investigating foreign institutions and their management, would prove of interest to the readers of the Bulletin, and add to their knowledge of what is being done in the realm of psychiatry. Of course, Munich is, at present, the Mecca of the alienist, and while Munich was the objective point, it was thought advisable to have a peep into other corners of Germany, France, and Great Britain.

Believing that science is without national limitations, we went abroad, with the understanding that there was no "favored nation clause" in our search for what was commendable and new. Of course, too, we fully realized that in foreign countries it would be impossible to make a correct estimate of the people and things we saw. Having read books by travellers who have taken flying trips through Canada, and learned how many absurd criticisms they made, we felt that we must reach con-