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Psychiatry, which deals with diseases of the mind, has for many years received little or no attention from the general practitioner or from specialists in other branches of medicine. The reason given, in many cases was this: clinical instruction in this department was of such a nature that a man during his undergraduate days was quite unable to get any grasp of the subject, and after graduating and going into practice it was considered sufficient to be able to write a certificate of insanity and send the unfortunate to an asylum; there the matter rested. In the home the patient's name was mentioned with bated breath, not in the way they would speak of a member of the family who had been stricken with physical illness—on such a one all tender care would be lavished—but the mental sufferer went away under a cloud—from the family view-point. So both from the stand of the medical man and that of the laity the situation could be little, if any worse.

However, within the past few years light has begun to shine forth, the outlook is much brighter, and because it is of vital interest to the public at large (*i.e.* those to whom we look for the maintenance of the public institutions) and to the physician, we may be pardoned for