

and seem desirous to exhibit themselves in the most violent and disgusting forms. Mr. Hill recommends attention to that peculiar odour observed in maniacs." Dr. Rush, who is known to have been the most attentive and successful observer of the human pulse, has found that it is more frequent in all the grades of madness. He observed that it was more frequent by twenty strokes in a minute, on an individual sentenced to death, and from this circumstance, added to other symptoms which had been declared by another physician to be feigned, he certified that the individual was really mad. Emetics and cathartics operate but slightly on the insane.—Fodéré was ordered to examine a woman accused of high-way robberies, and who, through her ingenuity in feigning insanity, had escaped several punishments. Recollecting a case related by Zacchias, in which threats had been successful, he said, in a firm tone of voice: "To-morrow I shall again visit her, and if she continue to howl, if she be not dressed, and her chamber put in order, you must apply a red-hot iron between her shoulders." The next day, the chamber was clean, the night had been quiet, and the patient was dressed. He accordingly certified that she was not affected in her mind.

Although we are of opinion that persons with an enlightened judgment, out of the Medical Profession, may also be competent judges of the state of the mind in many cases, yet it must be acknowledged with Dr. Beck, that their evidence may lead to serious errors, in that form of insanity, in which "the boundaries between it and sanity approach so near, that judges and juries often doubt whether the act is the result of madness or of wickedness." A knowledge of the association of ideas, the result of metaphysical observations, which experienced observers partake with the Medical philosopher, is entitled to our confidence, as far as the morality of actions and the exercise of intellectual faculties are concerned.