

Clinic, where he is under constant observation for six weeks, or longer if necessary. He is isolated from the other patients and the methods of examination employed are so searching and thorough that there is no possibility of a malingerer making good his deception. The common impression that it is a simple matter to simulate insanity is a very erroneous one, and the man who can run the gauntlet of all the tests which may be applied, must possess a knowledge of psychiatry that is rarely attained. Even with that knowledge he would scarcely succeed. Be that as it may, the only rational plan to render fraud practically impossible, is that adopted in Germany. Then again, think what this plan saves the State in outlay. Some of the trials in cases of suspected insanity have cost the country enormous amounts, the expenditure of which would have been avoided had the German plan been followed, and best of all, justice would have been done. That justice has not always followed as a result of a jury's studies in psychiatry, is a matter of history, and no one who is seized of the facts will attempt to justify some verdicts which at the time satisfied popular prejudice, which is not always a safe guide when questions of disease are to be dealt with. The juries were honest, but not really competent to form opinions. If skilled observers, trained in the most subtle methods of examination, require six weeks in which to reach conclusions from which the probability of error is excluded, it is scarcely probable that juries, the members of which are absolutely without experience in the study of insanity, can be depended on to bring in verdicts of a satisfactory kind.

At Buch and Daldorf enquiries were made to discover how thoroughly the Psychiatric Clinic in Berlin was doing the work of receiving the acute cases of the district. It was important to ascertain this, because some who are not enamored of the Clinic have made the statement that these institutions have as their inspiration nothing more than the providing of material for the medical student and