

moral appliances of isolation, amusements, etc., must receive only secondary attention. Without the former, the latter would effect but little. It is however important to study psychical symptoms to be able to distinguish insanity from other forms of cerebral or nervous disorders. In a medico-legal view it is also important. But, I repeat, treatment is mainly concerned with the diagnosis of the physical lesions. There are cases where a knowledge of the delusions may lead to the diagnosis of the true pathological state. I recall the case of a man who insisted that he was not sick, yet complained that he had been frequently stabbed in the back by unseen assassins, and examination revealed spinal tenderness and disease of the kidneys. Do we not then come down after all to the simple practice of medicine, and the ordinary methods of study? There is no specific or peculiar lesion of the brain or nervous system, and no structural form which may be said to be the ultimate cause of insanity."

Dr. Gray continues his lecture and further on shows that his views are in conformity with the opinion of him who at one time was the eminent professor of the German school.

Professor Gresinger in a recent letter says: "I remain firmly in the opinion that it is an absolute necessity to provide in every medical school for a clinical instruction in this branch of science, equally important for the welfare of the patients and their families as for the forensic duties of the profession. I remain also in the opinion that mental diseases are only a part of cerebral and nervous diseases, and that it is most important to connect intimately the study of mental science with the study of the pathology of nervous diseases."