

tions, from the range of the science of psychopathology. Nevertheless, in practice when one uses the term psychopath, one does not have in mind the victim of the more definite psychoses (the committable cases) simply because one would better use the proper designation of the definite psychosis in question and has no use for the more generic designation psychopath. Accordingly, it is both etymologically, logically and practically justifiable for the psychopathic hospital to serve the needs of all sorts of psychopaths in the broadest and in the narrower usage of the term. But if such hospital does not serve the needs of the mild cases, of the acute, the curable and the incipient cases, that is, all psychopathies that are not yet defined and for that reason the more worthy of study, then such hospital would, it seems to me, not be entitled to the term psychopathic.

The psychopathic hospital must deal with psychopaths of all descriptions and if it does not deal with those psychopaths that masquerade under the same nervous prostration, nervous breakdown, and so on, then it will not do its plain psychiatric duty to a large class of mental defectives in the community.

I have gone a somewhat long way about telling the nature of the psychopathic hospital by means of discussing its name. Personally, I rather prefer the name psychopathic hospital to the term psychiatric clinic. In the first place, I regard the term hospital as for the moment a more welcoming and receptive term for the community which is not perhaps yet educated to the highest mental hygiene level. But dismissing the question of the relative values of the terms hospital and clinic, what is to be said concerning the value of the terms psychopathic and psychiatric? Both these terms are a little hard for some of the laity actually to pronounce, although the term psychopathic is less difficult than the term psychiatric. For this reason I fancy the designation mental was given to the analagous London institution which had been founded and was about to be opened just before the war, the Maudsley Mental Hospital. But the term "mental" it would seem is far too general for such a usage, as it would seem a term equally applicable to the nursing asylum, the district hospital, the hospital-school for the feeble-minded, the hospital-school for the epileptic and the like. All these institutions should, in the developed phase of the mental hygiene of a community, be properly termed mental.

I think that one reason why I personally rather prefer the term psychopathic to the term psychiatric is that the term psychopathic, besides its Greek elegance, does not specify within itself the idea of practice, that is, diagnosis and treatment. The psychiatrist is