

The lack of interest, carelessness, and indifference to dress and environment shown by these patients is also marked. On a superficial examination this is frequently not observed. For instance: If a patient under treatment in a hospital for the insane is questioned concerning his confinement, he probably will answer that it is a great injustice to deprive him of his liberty and say how anxious he is to leave. When it is pointed out to him, however, that he receives for nothing three meals and a good bed, he will often state that, after all, he is comfortable and quite satisfied. The listless, apathetic attitude towards affairs is only too apparent if the patient is kept under observation for any length of time. The power of recollection is usually impaired, particularly for recent events. When questioned concerning events occurring within the last few months, the patient has a very incomplete notion concerning them, unless they have occurred at a lucid interval or been particularly impressed upon him. About more remote events, however, such as childhood happenings, he is quite certain and definite. This failure in the power of recollection for recent events depends to a great extent on the desultory manner in which the patient appreciates events occurring around him.

From the inability to fix the attention, which results in defective registration, there is a lack of retentiveness. Jung remarks: "But just such a peculiarity shows what the nature of the memory is. It is nothing but a passive registration of events that take place in the nearest surroundings. All that requires an effort of attention passes by without heed by the patient, or at most is registered on a level with the daily visits of the doctors and dinner."

The emotional deterioration present is also very characteristic. This probably underlies and is responsible for the lack of interest shown. The expressions of joy and sorrow manifested are superficial, and of short duration. In other cases, however, there is a certain "stolidity." Information imparted to them that nor-