

"insane. I am decidedly of the opinion that no subterfuge of any sort ever succeeds in preventing the curious and the busybodies of every community and the yellow journals of a few, from knowing and publishing either by gossip or in print why their neighbors were taken to the hospital, and the very attempt to conceal the character of the hospital under some new name awakens suspicion that there is something to conceal about the character of the disease it treats.

"The German Clinic is frankly called Irren-Klinik, or Psychiatric Clinic (insane or psychiatric clinics) and does not appear to be avoided because of the name. But questions of this kind aside: until the Government and the medical direction of the clinics or hospitals it is desired to establish, can be assuredly and forever freed from the baneful influence of politics it will be a hopeless task, bound to dismal failure, to attempt to imitate the German clinics or to approach them in the work which they are accomplishing for the public and the profession. What city, for example, would be expected to build and make annual appropriations for a hospital or clinic like that at Kiel or Munich without naming its managing or directing board? If anything can be done until the barbarism of our system of so-called self-government is overcome, it must be accomplished by or in connection with a few universities with associated medical schools and hospitals. In no other way under the present conditions could the tenure of office of the medical director be assured, in no other way could the expectations be raised of the selection of the very best available man or men to carry out the work.

"The demand for clinical instruction in psychiatry in this country is a crying one, and those who know the situation and who have seen what is done elsewhere, long for the day when the material all about us may be made available, a day, the dawn of which will be for