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To

EDWARD COWLES

who has placed the sciences of psychiatry and psychology in his debt by his insistence on the functional study of the psychoses and by the foundation of the first psychological laboratory for the investigation of the insane in these United States.

“Ohne den Wert instrumenteller Einrichtungen, speziell den eines psychophysischen Laboratoriums zu unterschätzen, meine ich, dass der klinische Fortschritt wesentlich von der allgemeinen Einführung solcher einfacher Methoden, deren Anwendung in einem bescheiden ausgestatteten klinischen Untersuchungszimmer möglich ist, abhängen wird.”
Sommer: Lehrbuch der psychopathologischen Untersuchungsmethoden. 1899. P. 391.

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and every patient who is to be examined. Alternative methods are often given because the author has found that one method can not be used with advantage with all kinds of patients.

To one who is even superficially acquainted with psychological literature it will be apparent that many valuable methods have not been included. There were many reasons for these omissions. Certain psychological methods have been found to be too complex to be used with a number of patients, and for clinical purposes others require too great an amount of time because of the elaborate apparatus and adjustments. In certain cases, especially for research purposes, it may appear advisable to follow up mental states with a more careful analysis than can be made with the methods suggested here. For this reason there are added at the end of each chapter references to works dealing with the topics under consideration and in these works there will be found additional methods as well as information and criticism. With few exceptions these references are to books and articles in the English language. Additional references to German and French works will be found in the bibliographies attached to many of the articles and a fairly complete bibliography of works dealing with psychological matters is given in the yearly numbers of the Psychological Index.

This manual is not intended to be a text-book of psychology, nor is it intended in any way to take the place of psychological treatises. Only sufficient psychological discussion for orientation purposes is given here and extended discussion of psychological matters must be obtained from other psychological books and articles. The references at the end of Chapter I will give some indication of those which are most available and most beneficial. To psychiatrists a word of caution may be given regarding these text books. The psychological value of any particular work must not be judged by the information which the writer has of the insane and of other abnormal classes. As a rule, psychologists have had neither the opportunity nor the inclination to observe or to investigate the abnormal and their discussions of these topics are often unsatisfactory on account of second-hand information.

In Chapter XI the scheme of examination, mainly by the con-

versational method, which was put into operation in this hospital in 1907 is included, with the exception of the parts dealing with special methods. The latter will be found discussed in the separate chapters. In accordance with the demands of experience, the scheme of examination has been altered in slight particulars.

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