

mentally afflicted, apart from certificates and asylums. The recent bankruptcy and suicide of a medical man, as a result of one of these prosecutions, in which there was no doubt that the patient was kindly and advantageously treated, is a good example of how to deter all persons of experience and standing from such work, with the result of driving certain cases into unsuitable hole-and-corner treatment.

The term "lunatic" occurs in the section, and we have consequently used it, but it is a term that should be abolished from the *Act* and the *section*, the term unsound mind being everywhere substituted.

"Lunatic" savours too much of the mediæval idea of insanity being something apart from ordinary disease. Indeed, although "diseased mind" is a term open to objection, it would be better than "unsound mind," as more clearly indicating and keeping before our legislators and legal administrators the fact that "insanity" is not crime, and is disease.

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This valuable and important contribution to medico-psychological literature has not as yet received separate consideration in the pages of the JOURNAL. This has not arisen from any want of recognition of the great advance which it connotes in the attitude of so important a body as the London County Council to medical science, or from want of appreciation of the high character of the work recorded, but from the fact that it was thought desirable that the individual contributions should be dealt with in detail, and the volume as a whole has thereby escaped comment. Notices of some of the papers contained in the *Archives* appear in the present issue, and more extensive digests will appear in April.

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