

*Charges.*—Individuals charged with every type of offense from disorderly conduct and vagrancy to incest and murder, have been referred to us for examination. Of the cases referred the largest number were those indicted on sex crimes (32 per cent), including rape (10 per cent of the total number referred), crime vs. children (14 per cent of the total number referred), crime vs. nature, incest, indecent liberties, and contributing to the delinquency of minors. The next largest group were those charged with robbery, (17 per cent), 15 per cent of the cases referred were charged with murder, 13 per cent with burglary, 9 per cent with larceny and 4 per cent with "white collar crimes", such as embezzlement, forgery and confidence game. Among the offenders referred for examination were individuals serving sentence at the County Jail for violation of the Municipal Code on such charges as disorderly conduct, soliciting, vagrancy and non-support. In five instances individuals held in the County Jail for safekeeping while awaiting transportation to Federal prison or other institutions were referred for examination.

*Stage of Referral.*—Though it was intended that examinations by the Behavior Clinic be made after an individual was convicted of a crime, but not yet sentenced, the majority of the cases (80 per cent) have been referred after indictment, but before conviction; 12 per cent were referred after arrest and before indictment; 3 per cent referred were already serving sentence in the County Jail. The remainder were in the County Jail either on habeas corpus writs, for safekeeping for parole officers, or were prosecuting witnesses.

*Additional Services.*—The Behavior Clinic performs many services to the Court incidental to its work proper. Sometimes emergency physical examinations have to be made and patients treated. On a few occasions the psychiatrist has had to make home or hospital visits to determine the fitness of an individual to appear in court. Occasionally the psychiatrist is called into court to answer questions involving psychological phenomena.

(1) *Expert Testimony.*—The psychiatrist is called into court to testify regarding a patient's mental condition in cases where a diagnosis of a psychosis (insanity) or feeble-mindedness has been made warranting commitment to a State hospital. Thus the Court is saved the expense of paying outside psychiatrists for their testimony, and even more important, eliminates the so-called "battle of alienists", for the findings of the Clinic are, in nearly every case, accepted by the State and the Defense as impartial unbiased conclusions.

In many instances where a patient is found to be suffering from a mental disease he is committed at once to a State hospital upon testimony of the Clinic psychiatrist. Thus, not only are matters expedited, but the County is saved the expense of a trial, the impaneling of a criminal jury, the time of the judge, the prosecution and the defense. And the patient is spared the ordeal of a trial until his sanity is recovered.

The psychiatrist has on several occasions been called by the State's Attorney's office to examine a suspect in a murder case at the time of the inquest, especially where it is anticipated that insanity will be used as a defense. (In the recent Wynekoop case Dr. Hoffman, besides making psychiatric examinations of the chief suspects, Dr. Alice Wynekoop and her son, was present during every interview with all the suspects in the case. During the initial investigation in the State's Attorney's office the psychiatrist was called in to make a psychiatric examination of the Touhy gangsters suspected in a pending kidnapping case).

(2) *Education.*—Frequent informal conferences are held between the psychiatrist and judge or attorney concerning medico-legal problems. It is very encouraging to note the growing interest among the practitioners of