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effective the selection of criminal offenders for release on parole by utilizing certain devices designed to indicate within known limits of error what types of offenders are likely or unlikely to succeed on parole.

Ohlin's monograph is primarily intended to serve as a manual of procedures for parole prediction. In keeping with this purpose the reader is presented with a lucid and concise discussion of methods which may be employed in the construction of an expectancy table of parole outcome. These methods or procedures, based as they are upon the experiences gained over a twenty-year period (1925-1945) with 17,097 cases of offenders released on parole from the Joliet-Stateville and Menard Divisions of the Illinois State Penitentiary System, should prove to be exceedingly helpful to anyone interested in devising and utilizing predictive techniques in the various peno-correctional fields.

This section on the procedural steps involved in the construction of an experience table for predicting probable parole outcome is followed by a discussion of the ways such a table may be applied most effectively in parole selection. Here too, the fact that what Ohlin presents is rooted in the experiences gained from such an extensive prediction program, renders the discussion highly pertinent and practical for all persons engaged in making decisions regarding the parolability of incarcerated offenders.

The results of the Illinois program demonstrate what may be accomplished when and if releasing authorities base their decisions upon a systematic summary of the manner specific categories of offenders have tended to respond to parole in the past. The use of experience tables not only makes available more useful and reliable data upon which to base decisions but may also bring about a decline in parole violation rates. Though it is difficult to assess accurately the role played by the utilization of experience tables in the decline of parole violation rates in Illinois the evidence suggests that the improvement in the selection of parolees made possible by the use of experience tables played a significant part in producing this decline.

Ohlin, in describing and evaluating the Illinois prediction program, has rendered a great service to all persons seriously interested in making the administration of criminal justice more effective.

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