

## RESIGNATION OF DR. HOWDEN.

At the February Meeting of the Managers of the Royal Asylum, Montrose, Dr. Howden intimated his resignation after a service of nearly forty years as Physician Superintendent. The Committee recommended that the Managers should accept Dr. Howden's resignation, and express their deep regret that he should have felt himself constrained to take such a step; that he should have the highest pension allowed by the Lunacy Acts; that he should be retained as consulting physician. Many handsome and well-deserved compliments were paid to Dr. Howden by those with whom he has been intimately associated in the management of the Montrose Asylum, and we assuredly express the feeling of his numerous friends in hoping that he may see many and happy days in the evening of his laborious and useful life.

## THE LIBRARY.

The Librarian acknowledges receipt of the following, which have been placed on the catalogue:—

*The Insane and the Law*, by Pitt Lewis, Percy Smith, and Hawke; presented by Dr. Percy Smith.

*Journal of Mental Science*, No. 112; presented by Dr. Urquhart.

*Micro Photographs of Brain Cells*; presented by Dr. Turner.

The Librarian begs to intimate that No. 113 of the *Journal of Mental Science* is required to make up the set belonging to the Association.

## NOTICES BY THE REGISTRAR.

*Examination for the Certificate in Psychological Medicine.*

The following candidates were successful at the examination held on the 17th December, 1896:—

## ENGLAND.

*Examined at Bethlem Hospital, London.*—John Rutherford Gilmour, James Henry Horton.

## SCOTLAND.

*Examined at the Royal Asylum, Edinburgh.*—John Stoddart. *Examined at the Royal Asylum, Glasgow.*—William Stewart Cook.

## IRELAND.

*Examined at the Eglinton Asylum, Cork.*—Elizabeth J. Moffett.

The following were the written questions:—1. What considerations would guide you in advising that a case of insanity should be treated (a) at home, (b) in a private dwelling, or (c) in an asylum? 2. What are the mental symptoms which are frequently associated with and consequent upon chronic epilepsy? Discuss briefly their relation to crime. 3. What is the value of the clinical thermometer in mental diseases? When are febrile and when subnormal temperatures met with in the insane? 4. What do you understand by a "systematised delusion"? Describe a case. 5. Enumerate the various forms of insanity due to or associated with the excessive use of alcohol, and describe briefly the symptoms of each. 6. What questions would you especially consider if consulted as to a man's testamentary capacity? What would lead you to believe he possessed this capacity although his mind might not be sound on all points?

The next examination will be held in July, 1897. Due notice of the day will be given in the *Lancet*, the *British Medical Journal*, and the *Medical Press*.

The examination for the Gaskell Prize will be held at Bethlem Hospital, London, in the same month, and the Examiners are authorised to award a *second prize in this Competition* should one of the candidates attain such a standard as would justify them in doing so.

*Examination for the Certificate of Proficiency in Mental Nursing.*

The following candidates passed the November examination for the Nursing Certificate in addition to those whose names were published in the January number of the Journal :—

*Grahamstown Asylum, Cape Colony.*—Males : Wallace S. Colegate, William Sherwood, George N. Farley, Peter H. Van der Merwe. Females : Charlotte Codd, Florence Robertson, Sarah Whitfield.

*Port Alfred Asylum, Cape Colony.*—Female : Annie Wynne.

*Fort Beaufort Asylum, Cape Colony.*—Male : William Henry Campton.

The next examination will be held on Monday, the 3rd day of May, 1897, and candidates are earnestly requested to send in their schedules duly filled up to the Registrar of the Association not later than Monday, the 5th day of April, 1897, as this is the last day upon which, under the rules, applications for examination can be received.

*Subjects for the Bronze Medal and Prize, 1897.*

The President (Dr. Mickle) has suggested the following subjects for the Essay for the Bronze Medal and Prize of ten guineas, which is open to all Assistant Medical Officers of Asylums, but candidates are at liberty to present an essay on any other subject if they prefer to do so :—

- (1) Heredity in relation to Insanity.
- (2) The rôle of Syphilis in the production of Mental Disease.
- (3) A contribution to the study of Microscopical Change of the Nervous System in Mental Disease.

Further particulars respecting the various examinations of the Association may be obtained from the Registrar, Dr. Spence, Burntwood Asylum, Lichfield.

**SANITARY SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP AT CLAYBURY ASYLUM.**

*Notice issued on 23rd February, 1897.*

The Technical Education Board is prepared to receive applications for a scholarship in sanitary science of the value of £150 a year tenable in the pathological laboratory of Claybury Asylum. The scholarship will be awarded in the first instance for one year, but may be renewed for a second, and possibly for a third year, upon a satisfactory report being received from the superintendent of the pathological laboratory under whose direction the scholar will be required to work. Candidates must be ordinarily resident within the Administrative County of London. In making the selection, preference will be given to a candidate who is a qualified and registered practitioner, and has completed his academic course. The scholar must make such arrangements as to residence as will enable him to devote his whole time to the study of *the working and effects of preventable social and industrial causes of insanity.*

Applications, containing a full record of the candidates' previous work and references to their professional teachers, must be sent to the Secretary, Technical Education Board, St. Martin's Place, W.C., not later than the 22nd March.

WM. GARNETT,  
Secretary of the Board.