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A psychiatric institute in New York

THE Pathological Institute of the New York State Hospitals for the Insane, provided by the State Commission in Lunacy, is being thoroughly reorganised. Original research in the various sciences bearing on the subject of insanity will be carried out as before but, in addition, the Institute will be utilised for the provision of special instruction to physicians on the staffs of the hospitals for the insane, and to young men about to take up lunacy as a special line of work in clinical psychiatry as well as in methods of scientific research. For this purpose the institution is to be connected with one of the asylums on Ward's Island,

until a reception hospital for the insane can be established in Manhattan. The Commission in Lunacy has selected the following gentlemen representing the Universities, Colleges, and Asylums of the State of New York to be members of an Advisory Board, whose duty it shall be to assist the new Director, who will shortly be appointed: J. McKeen Cattell, Professor of Psychology, Columbia University; James Ewing, Professor of Pathology, Medical Department of Cornell University; Christian A. Herter, Professor of Pathological Chemistry, Bellevue and University Medical College; Hermon C. Bumpus, Assistant to the President of the American Museum of Natural History, to represent the department of

general biology; Henry Hun, Professor of the Diseases of the Nervous System, Albany Medical College, to represent neurology and general clinical medicine; Dr Charles W. Pilgrim, Superintendent of the Hudson River State Hospital, at Poughkeepsie, and Dr. A. E. Macdonald, Superintendent of the Manhattan State Hospital East, to represent the State hospitals; Dr. Frederick Peterson, President of the Lunacy Commission, a member *ex-officio*.

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