

whitlow. If you divide the ulnar nerve it has gone. Therefore it is a mental process which can be moved. All the symptoms of disease which make disease unpleasant for the patient can be removed if the patient goes to the doctor and receives suggestions, because what he suffers from are mental symptoms. That, you may say, does not cure the disease. It does not, but you can readily understand that in a critical case where life and death are hanging in the balance, if you are able to tell a patient, suffering from pneumonia, as I saw Bernheim do at Nancy—if you are able to tell the patient that he is happy, that he is comfortable, that he is going to recover, that he has a good appetite, that everything will be all right, that he will pass a pleasant day, and so put hope into the patient's mind, that patient may recover, whereas a patient who suffers distress the whole day long and who is sleepless might not recover, so that even in the cases of organic disease the treatment of the mental symptoms, which really are all the symptoms the patient complains of, the removal of those mental symptoms by means of auto-suggestion may in these cases decide the question of life or death. Now, there is no doubt whatsoever that medical men have not considered this question of the psychological element of disease, which is the main element of disease, nearly as much as they ought to have, and I think that one of the great advantages of hearing this address from M. Coué is that it will impress upon every member of this audience the importance of this element of treatment, and also in the symptomatology of disease. M. Coué treats 15,000 cases a year. They come to him sometimes in batches of fifty, and he has four or five of these batches a week, and he sends away the vast majority of these cases improved, with their pains relieved and the symptoms ameliorated, because even in the cases of impairment of movement, there is a very, very large psychological element involved. You can understand the large amount of experience M. Coué has had, and if he has been successful by these simple means in all these cases, why should not we also in our practices, not neglecting what we have been taught by the pathologist as regards disease, but looking at the clinical symptoms of the disease more from the mental side than we have ever done, in addition to our other forms of treatment, introduce this additional method and thus benefit our patients? Ladies and Gentlemen, in your name I have great pleasure in asking you to give a hearty vote of thanks to M. Coué for having come here to give us this address, and for the instruction which I hope we have received from him this afternoon. (Applause.)

M. Coué: I must thank you very much for the attention you have given me, and I thank the President for his kind words. My greatest desire is that the study of auto-suggestion should be introduced into the programme of the School of Medicine in France. It will be a very good thing for medical men and for the patients if this thing was accepted, because the one and the other would profit by it. A great wish of mine would be to receive in France the kind reception I have experienced here. (Applause.)

M. Coué then left the meeting.

The paper and methods were thereafter discussed by the PRESIDENT, Dr. T. C. MACKENZIE and Dr. McRAE.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the business.

A well-attended dinner was held in the evening in Messrs. Ferguson and Forrester's restaurant.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

The Maudsley Hospital.—The lectures and practical courses of instruction for a diploma in Psychological Medicine, fifth course, 1923, are announced as follows:

Part II.—Six lectures on the Pathology of Mental Diseases, including Brain Syphilis, its Symptomatology and Treatment. By Sir Frederick W. Mott, K.B.E., LL.D., M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.S. On Mondays at 2.30 p.m., commencing January 8, 1923.

Eight Lectures on the Psychoneuroses. By Bernard Hart, M.D., M.R.C.P. On Mondays at 4.30 p.m., commencing February 5, 1923.

Eight Lectures on Morbid Psychology and Six Demonstrations in Clinical Psychiatry. By E. Mapother, M.D., M.R.C.P., F.R.C.S. On Tuesdays at 2.30 p.m., commencing January 9, 1923.

Eight Lectures on the Practical Aspect of Mental Deficiency. By F. C. Shrub-sall, M.D., F.R.C.P. On Wednesdays at 2.30 p.m., commencing January 10, 1923.

Six Lectures on Crime and Insanity. By W. C. Sullivan, M.D. On Wednesdays at 4.30 p.m., commencing January 10, 1923.

Twelve Clinical Demonstrations in Neurology. By Sir Frederick W. Mott, K.B.E., LL.D., M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.S., and F. L. Golla, F.R.C.P. On Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., commencing January 11, 1923. The first six demonstrations will be given by Dr. Golla at the Hospital for Paralysis and Epilepsy, Maida Vale, London. An announcement regarding the six demonstrations by Sir Frederick Mott will be made later.

Lectures will be given on the Legal Relationships of Insanity and Treatment, by C. Hubert Bond, D.Sc., M.D., F.R.C.P., the dates of which will be announced later.

Fees: For whole of Part II, £10 10s.; for one single series of lectures, £2 2s.

Inquiries as to Lectures, etc., should be addressed to "The Director of the Pathological Laboratory, Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, London, S.E. 5."

The Fellowship of Medicine, 1, Wimpole Street, W., will collect fees from, and issue admission tickets to, medical men intending to take the course who are introduced by the Fellowship.

Bethlem Royal Hospital, London, S.E. 1.—A course of lectures and practical instruction for the Diploma in Psychological Medicine, granted by the various Universities, will be given at Bethlem Royal Hospital, commencing about the middle of January.

The following is a list of the lecturers:

Neurology.—S. A. Kinnier Wilson, M.D., F.R.C.P.; C. C. Worster-Drought, M.D.; F. C. E. Danvers-Atkinson, M.B.; Clement Lovell, M.D.; J. Collier, M.D., F.R.C.P. *Psychology.*—William Brown, D.Sc., M.D.; J. A. Hadfield, M.B. *Mental Deficiency.*—A. F. Tredgold, M.D., F.R.S. Edin. *Psychological Medicine.*—E. D. Macnamara, M.D., F.R.C.P.; W. H. B. Stoddart, M.D., F.R.C.P.; J. G. Porter Phillips, M.D., F.R.C.P.; T. Beaton, O.B.E., M.D.; C. Stanford Read, M.D.; M. Hamblin Smith, M.D.

The lectures are divided into two parts. The fee for the full course is 15 guineas and the fee for Part A or Part B separately is 10 guineas. Entrants who take the complete course may attend the clinical practice of the hospital at a reduced fee.

For the Syllabus and all particulars application should be made to the Physician Superintendent, Bethlem Royal Hospital.

National Hospital for the Paralysed and Epileptic, Queen Square, Bloomsbury, W.C. 1.—Syllabus of Post-Graduate Course, January 22 to March 23, 1923. The Course will consist of the following subjects: Lectures on the Pathology of the Nervous System, by Dr. Greenfield, Mondays, 12 noon. Out-Patient Clinics, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, at 2 p.m. Lectures in the Anatomy and Physiology of the Nervous System; Clinical Lectures and Demonstrations, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, at 3.30 p.m.

The fee for the whole course, including anatomy and physiology, is £12 12s., but these lectures may be taken separately for a fee of £4 4s. Course without anatomy and physiology lectures will be £10 10s. Any part of the Course may be taken separately at a special fee. Special arrangements will be made for those unable to take the whole course. Fees should be paid to the Secretary of the Hospital at the office on entering for the Course.

Tavistock Clinic for Functional Nerve Cases, 51, Tavistock Square, W.C. 1.—A Course of Six Lectures on Psychology and Neurology will be given by C. P. Symonds, M.D., M.R.C.P., on Thursdays, at 5.15 p.m. February 1: The Evolution of the Nervous System. February 8: The Relation of Function to Structure. February 15: The Scope of Neurology. February 22: Exploration. March 1 and 8: The "Nervous Breakdown," its Causation and Treatment. Fee for the Course, £1 1s.

INSTRUCTION IN MENTAL DISEASES TO LAY WORKERS.

An interesting development in mental welfare work took place recently at Horton Mental Hospital, Epsom, when, by permission of the Mental Hospitals Committee of the London County Council and with the co-operation of Lt.-Col.