

pleased with the work that was being done in the Free State mental hospitals. He wished to state that, in the case of medical vacancies in the Service, the names of selected candidates for these appointments now went before the Minister for Local Government, and that he, Dr. Kelly, in his advisory capacity would always advocate the claims of those who had proved themselves to be active and capable clinical workers.

Dr. THOMPSON having replied, the proceedings terminated.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

The Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, S.E. 5 (University of London).—Lectures and Practical Courses of Instruction for a Diploma in Psychological Medicine, Course X, 1927.

Part I commences on January 4, 1927.

(1) Twelve lectures on the Physiology and Anatomy of the Nervous System. By F. Golla, M.D., F.R.C.P.

Practical Instruction and Demonstrations: Physiological Chemistry. Demonstrator, S. A. Mann, B.Sc.Lond., F.I.C.

Anatomy of the Central Nervous System. Demonstrator, Charles Geary.

Methods of Physiological Psychology. By F. Golla, M.D., F.R.C.P.

(2) Four lectures on the Histology of the Nervous System and the Endocrine Organs. By C. da Fano, M.D. Followed by Practical Instruction in Histological Methods.

(3) Eight lectures on Psychology. By Henry Devine, M.D., F.R.C.P. Followed by Course of Practical Instruction.

Part II will follow in March, 1927, and will include lectures and demonstrations on the following subjects. (A detailed time-table will be issued later.)

(1) Eight lectures on the Psychoneuroses. By Bernard Hart, M.D., F.R.C.P.

(2) Eight lectures on Morbid Psychology. By Edward Mapother, M.D., F.R.C.S., M.R.C.P.

(3) Four lectures on the Pathology of Mental Diseases. By F. Golla, M.D., F.R.C.P. Followed by four demonstrations in Pathological Anatomy, by Charles Geary.

(4) Two lectures on the Legal Relationships of Insanity and Treatment. By C. Hubert Bond, D.Sc., M.D., F.R.C.P.

(5) Six lectures on the Practical Aspect of Mental Deficiency. By F. C. Shrub-sall, M.D., F.R.C.P.

(4) Four lectures on Crime and Insanity. By W. Norwood East, M.D.

(6) Three lectures on Therapeutics. By A. A. W. Petrie, M.D., F.R.C.S., M.R.C.P., D.P.M.

(8) Six demonstrations in Clinical Psychiatry. By Edward Mapother, M.D., F.R.C.S., M.R.C.P.

(9) Twelve Clinical Demonstrations in Neurology. By F. Golla, M.D., F.R.C.P., and F. M. R. Walshe, D.Sc., M.D., F.R.C.P.

(10) Two lectures on Abnormalities of the Fundus Oculi. By R. Foster Moore, M.A., F.R.C.S.

(11) Four demonstrations with Practical Instruction in Laboratory Methods. By S. A. Mann, B.Sc.Lond., F.I.C.

Posts as voluntary clinical assistants at the Maudsley Hospital may be granted without fee to practitioners of both sexes specializing in Psychological Medicine. These appointments can be either for whole or part-time work in wards, outpatient department or laboratories as desired. They can be held in conjunction with attendance at either part of the course for the Diploma in Psychological Medicine. Such an appointment will satisfy the requirements of the various examining bodies in respect of clinical experience of mental disorders for the Diploma in Psychological Medicine or for the M.D. in Psychological Medicine; its necessary duration depends on whether it is whole or part time. There are various other opportunities for clinical study, also without fee, to all attending the course. Applications and inquiries regarding these clinical facilities should be made to the Medical Superintendent of the Hospital.

Fees: For the whole course of Parts I and II, £15 15s.; for Part I separately, £10 10s.; for Part II separately, £10 10s.; for a single series of lectures in Part I, £4 4s.; for a single series of lectures in Part II, £2 2s.; for a single series of demonstrations only, £1 1s.

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

Tavistock Clinic for Functional Nerve Cases, 51, Tavistock Square, W.C. 1.—A Short Course of Lectures on Functional Nerve Disorder for practitioners and students will be given at the Tavistock Clinic, beginning February 14, by W. Langdon Brown, M.D., F.R.C.P., J. R. Rees, M.A., M.D., S. Roodhouse Gloyne, M.D., D.P.H., James Young, M.D., and H. Crichton-Miller, M.A., M.D. For further particulars apply to the Hon. Lecture Secretary at the Clinic.

MENTAL HYGIENE: AN ADDRESS.

By the Rt. Hon. H. P. MACMILLAN, K.C., LL.D.

[*Delivered at a Public Meeting of the National Council for Mental Hygiene at the House of the Royal Society of Medicine on November 17, 1926, the Rt. Hon. Lord Southborough, G.C.B., presiding.*]

MY LORD, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I am fully sensible that my only title to address you this afternoon lies in the fact that for two years past I have been a humble inquirer in regions in which so many of my audience this afternoon are practised experts. One thing which has been borne in upon me is that it is much easier to seek for truth than to find it, and another is that it is much easier to find it than to expound it when you have found it. (Laughter.) But I am also embarrassed by another circumstance, which is that the Report of the Royal Commission—the authorship of which I share with my fellow Commissioners—already contains all the best things I can say upon this subject, and therefore it is somewhat difficult to address you upon matters upon which we have already delivered ourselves at such length. In the two hundred pages of that Report we have covered to the best of our ability all the topics to which our attention was drawn. I can scarcely hope that even at the figure of 3s. 6d., at which the Treasury values our labours, our Report can become one of the best sellers of the season, but at least it does represent an honest endeavour to grapple with the problems which I know everyone in this room has so much at heart. (Applause.)

Your Chairman has referred in flattering terms to the labours of the Royal Commission. I notice, however, that in the printed report of your Council it is referred to with a little more reserve. It is stated, with a caution which appears to be almost Scottish, that "In so far as the recommendations of the Royal Commission fall short of the views expressed by the Council, it will be its duty to secure modification by appeals both to the Legislature and to the central and local lunacy authorities. As far as these recommendations satisfy the aspirations of the Council, the latter will need to supply its quota of the stimulus which will undoubtedly be necessary before the Legislature can be persuaded to adopt them." Speaking for myself, and my colleagues, I am glad to have even that qualified measure of approval from so august a body as the National Council for Mental Hygiene, but you are perfectly right, if I may say so, to observe a critical attitude, and you are perfectly right to recognize that we have not been able, in every one of the matters placed before us in your valuable contribution to our investigation, to adopt every one of your suggestions. Reformers must always be idealists. Their aspirations inevitably outstrip at the moment what can be within the realm of practical achievement. I have no sense of grievance at all that the National Council expresses itself in this way. It will be left for my successor in some subsequent investigation, no doubt, to express all that you desire.

What is to me so gratifying is to find myself this afternoon among those who are devoting their energies to carrying into practical effect projects of which I fear I can only regard myself as a theoretical exponent. The aims and objects of your Council are of a practical character. The Report of the Royal Commission