

M.P.C. EXAMINATION.

DECEMBER, 1892.

The following Candidates for the M. P. C. in Scotland passed the Examination:—

Dr. A. W. Anderson.
Dr. J. T. West.
Dr. J. W. S. Attegalle.

We much regret that by an oversight the name of Dr. Fennings was omitted from the List of Candidates who passed the Examination for the M.P.C. in England in December last.

M.C.P. EXAMINATION (IRELAND).

John Neilson Eustace, M.B., B.Ch.Univ.Dubl., and John O'Connor Donelan, L.R.C.P.I., L.R.C.S.I., obtained the Certificate at the examination held in Ireland in December, 1892.

Obituary.

PROFESSOR BALL.

The health of this distinguished alienist had been failing for a considerable time from January 17th, 1892, when he delivered his last lecture at the Asile de Ste. Anne, and he had been unable to engage in his professional work. He had an attack of paralysis and became aphasic, but it is understood that his mind was clear.

Dr. Benjamin Ball was born on the 30th of April, 1834, at Naples. His father was English, and his mother (*née* Audrat) was Swiss. In 1849 he was naturalized as a Frenchman. His medical career, which commenced in 1853, was a very brilliant one. In 1855 he was Externe des Hôpitaux, and in 1856 was Interne. He became M.D. in 1862, *agrégé à la Faculté* 1866, and Hospital Physician in 1870. He was the first Professor of Mental Diseases in the University of Paris. This was in 1877. He became a Member of the Academy five years later.

Dr. Klein, of Paris, writes:—"You yourself have known the man, and you know how various and wide was his knowledge, not only in medicine, general and psychological, but in all branches of science, as history, philology, geography, and philosophy. You also know, in common with all who have approached him, how kind, how good-hearted, and charming he was in everyday life, how broad-minded and tolerant of other people's opinions, and how willing and ready to help anyone, especially the English people. There is no doubt about his having been one of the most, if not the most eloquent professor of the Faculty of Paris. The Theatre of the St. Anne Asylum, where he used to deliver his lectures, was always overcrowded with students and others, attracted by the eloquence and sympathy of the master. His speech was so clear, the mode of marshalling facts so striking and vivid, that it used to impress the mind deeply. For myself, I may say that I was so strongly impressed by the first lecture I heard from him that I could have repeated it phrase by phrase, word by word, the day after it was delivered. The more I think about it, the more I realize how much I have lost by the death of this dear friend and master, in whose intimacy I lived for the last eight years."

Dr. Ball attended many medical meetings in England, and took a lively part in the discussions of the papers that were read.