

Examined at *Bethlem Hospital*.—Dr. David Fleck.

Examined at the *Royal Asylum, Edinburgh*.—Dr. W. M. A. Smith.

Examined at the *Royal Asylum, Aberdeen*.—Mr. Eric W. Thomson, M.A.

The following is a list of the questions which appeared on the paper :

1. What mental disorders may appear during the period of adolescence? What differences are noticed in the two sexes in the insanity of this epoch, and what is the prognosis?
2. Describe the chief features of the various forms of mental disorder associated with epilepsy, and explain their psychological connection with the neurosis.
3. What do you understand by partial insanity? Discuss the use of the terms monomania, paranoia, systematised insanity.
4. What are the usual mental and physical causes of refusal of food in insanity? Describe the methods of forcible feeding usually adopted. Suggest a suitable dietary for a patient who persistently refuses food.
5. How does mania usually affect the senses of sight and hearing?
6. Discuss and compare the morbid anatomy of cases of dementia paralytica, dementia epileptica, dementia alcoholica.

The next examination for the Certificate in Psychological Medicine will be held in July, 1900.

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#### GASKELL PRIZE.

The examination for the Gaskell Prize will take place at Bethlem Hospital, London, in the same month.

Due notice of the exact dates will appear in the medical papers.

For further particulars respecting the various examinations of the Association, apply to the Registrar, Dr. Benham, Bristol City Asylum, Fishponds.

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#### THE PRIZE DISSERTATION.

Although the subjects for the essay in competition for the Bronze Medal and Prize of the Association are not limited to the following, in accordance with custom the President suggests—

1. Developmental general paralysis.
2. The surgical treatment of epilepsy and epileptiform seizures.
3. The effect of influenza in the production of states of mental unsoundness.

The Dissertation for the Association Medal and Prize of Ten Guineas must be delivered to the Registrar, Dr. Benham, City of Bristol Asylum, before May 30th, 1900, from whom all particulars may be obtained.

By the rules of the Association the Medal and Prize are awarded to the author (if the Dissertation be of sufficient merit) being an Assistant Medical Officer of any Lunatic Asylum (public or private), or of any Lunatic Hospital in the United Kingdom. The author need not necessarily be a member of the Medico-Psychological Association.

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#### CRAIG COLONY PRIZE FOR ORIGINAL RESEARCH IN EPILEPSY.

Last year Dr. Frederick Peterson, President of the Board of Managers of the Craig Colony for Epileptics, offered a prize of 100 dols. for the best original contribution to the pathology and treatment of epilepsy.

The seven papers received were submitted to three members (Drs. Bailey, Jacoby, and Van Giesen) of the New York Neurological Society, who gave to the board of managers of the Craig Colony the following report :

The Committee on the Craig Colony Prize for Original Work in Epilepsy has decided that no award should be made this year. Some of the essays submitted failed to comply with the conditions of the competition; others were more limited in scope than a successful essay should be. Three deserve special mention—"The

Pathology of Epilepsy," by "CONH<sub>2</sub> OH,NH<sub>3</sub>;" "Status Epilepticus," by "Aura," and "The Pathology of Epilepsy," by "On and Ever Onward."

The prize of 1899 not having been awarded in accordance with the report of the committee, Dr. Peterson now offers a prize of 200 dols. for the year 1900 under similar conditions. This sum will be awarded to the author of the best unpublished contribution to the pathology and treatment of epilepsy. Originality is the main condition.

The prize is open to universal competition, but all manuscripts must be submitted in English. Each essay must be accompanied by a sealed envelope containing the name and address of the author, and bearing upon the outside a motto or device, which is to be inscribed upon the essay.

All papers will be submitted to a similar committee, consisting of three members of the New York Neurological Society, and the award will be made upon its recommendation at the annual meeting of the board of managers of the Craig Colony, 9th October, 1900.

Manuscripts should be sent to Dr. Frederick Peterson, 4, West Fiftieth Street, New York City, on or before September 1st, 1900. The successful essay becomes the property of the Craig Colony, and will be published in its medical report.

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#### NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

##### MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

*General Meeting.*—The next General Meeting will be held on February 15th (the third Thursday), 1900, at the West Sussex County Asylum, Chichester, by courteous permission of Dr. Kidd.

*South-Eastern Division.*—The Spring Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 25th, 1900, at the City of London Asylum, Dartford.

*Irish Division.*—The Spring Meeting will be held early in April, 1900, at the Royal College of Physicians, Dublin.

*South-Western Division.*—The Spring Meeting will be held at Bailbrook House, Bath, on Tuesday, April 24th, 1900.

*Northern and Midland Division.*—The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 18th, 1900, at Whittingham Asylum, Lancashire.

*Scottish Division.*—The Spring Meeting will be held in Glasgow on March 8th (the second Thursday), 1900.

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#### APPOINTMENTS.

Dr. William StJ. Skeen has been appointed Medical Superintendent to the Durham County Asylum, *vice* Dr. R. Smith, retired on pension.

Dr. John Baker has been appointed Deputy Superintendent to the State Asylum, Broadmoor, *vice* Dr. J. B. Isaac, retired on pension.

Mr. H. A. L. Willis, M.R.C.S., has been appointed Junior Assistant Medical Officer to the Govan District Asylum, Hawkhead, Paisley.