

CERTIFICATE OF EFFICIENCY IN PSYCHOLOGICAL
MEDICINE.

PASS EXAMINATION.

The following candidates for this certificate passed the examination held at Bethlem Hospital, July 23-24, 1887:—

English, Edgar, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.S.A.Lond., Dip.P.H.R.C.P.Lond., Stoke Newington.

Mortimer, Jno. Desmond Ernest, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.S.A.Lond., Ass. Med. Off. Portsmouth Borough Asylum.

Nairn, Robert, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., Bethlem Hospital, London.

Simpson, Samuel, M.B., B.Ch.Dublin University, Bethlem Hospital, London.

Slater, William Arnison, M.R.C.S.Eng., Fisberton House, Salisbury.

Thompson, Geo. Matthew, M.D., M.Ch.Q.U.I., Bellaghy, Castledawson, Co. Derry, Ireland.

The following are the written questions asked at the Pass Examination:—

Examiners:

D. HACK TUKE, M.D.

GEO. H. SAVAGE, M.D.

(It is not necessary to answer more than Four of these Questions.)

I.—Give the symptoms, bodily and mental, of General Paralysis of the Insane, distinguishing between the several stages through which it may run. Note the different mental forms which may characterize the invasion of the Disorder.

II.—With what other diseases may Acute Delirious Mania be confounded? Give the differential Diagnosis.

III.—What forms of mental disorder may be classed under "Alcoholic Insanity"?

IV.—Enumerate the bodily and mental symptoms of Mental Stupor with Melancholia. In what does it differ from Mental Stupor without Melancholia ("Primary Dementia")?

V.—Give the treatment (General and Medical) of a case of Puerperal Mania.

VI.—In what form and dose would you prescribe Hyoscyamine, Hyoscine Hydro-bromate, Urethane, Paraldehyde, and Hypnone?

Questions asked at the Honours Examination:—

(Same examiners.)

I.—Trace the relationships of Alcohol and Syphilis to General Paralysis of the Insane.

II.—How would you subdivide cases of Insanity depending upon morbid sense impressions?

III.—Explain the relationship of Heredity to various forms of Insanity.

PSYCHOLOGY.

I.—Enumerate the most important classifications of Healthy Mental Phenomena, indicating the one you prefer, with your reasons.

II.—Give the psychological bearings of Word-Deafness and Word-Blindness. Illustrate by a diagram.

III.—What is meant by the influence of the Mind upon the Body, and the Body upon the Mind? Illustrate the *modus operandi* by an example of each.

IV.—How would you define Volition? State the main differences in the mode of regarding the Will by psychologists.

V.—Distinguish between Emotion and Desire.

VI.—Describe what happens when subjective sensations are experienced. Are the terminal sense-organs involved?

IRISH EXAMINATION.—JULY, 1887.

The following candidate passed the examination for the Certificate of Efficiency in Psychological Medicine, the examiners being

RINGROSE ATKINS, M.A., M.D.
CONOLLY NORMAN, F.R.C.S.I.

Moore, Edward Erskine, M.D., Assistant Medical Officer District Asylum Downpatrick.

The following written questions were asked:—

I.—What is Insanity? State shortly the modern views as to its nature.

II.—Contrast the classification of Esquirol with that of Skae. Say which you consider to be the most generally useful, and give your reasons.

III.—You are brought to two "chronic" so called "harmless lunatics," in a workhouse ward, presenting generally the same mental symptoms. Describe the special conditions which would lead you to infer that one was labouring under congenital mental defect, and the other suffering from acquired mental disease.

IV.—What is "Othæmatoma?" Describe its mode of onset, its nature, course, probable pathology, and the significance it possesses in any case of insanity with which it is associated.

V.—Describe briefly the morbid changes observed in the brains of the chronic insane:—

(a) In the Blood Vessels.

(b) In the Nerve Cells.

(c) In the Neuroglia and Nerve Tubules.

VI.—Describe the various methods of artificial feeding now employed, and state in detail how you would conduct the treatment of a case of obstinate refusal of food in an insane person.

VII.—Describe a case of acute delirious mania; its symptoms and course; its prognosis and sequelæ.

VIII.—Distinguish between the conditions which have been described as acute primary dementia and melancholia with stupor.

IX.—Describe the proceedings requisite to place a lunatic in an asylum in Ireland under the provisions of the Act 30 and 31 Vic., c. 118. What are the various conditions under which such patient can be discharged?

X.—What is the prognostic significance of hallucinations of hearing, and with what other symptoms are they commonly associated?

XI.—Briefly detail the physical diseases and affections most frequently found to stand in an antecedent relation to Insanity.

XII.—What circumstances in the personal history and condition of a patient would lead you to recommend treatment in an asylum?

SCOTCH EXAMINATION.—JULY, 1887.

Examiners:

JAMES RUTHERFORD, M.D.
T. S. CLOUSTON, M.D.

The following candidates passed the examination for the Certificate of Efficiency in Psychological Medicine held in Edinburgh on July 15 and 16, 1887:—

Black, Victor, M.B., C.M.Edin., Royal Edinburgh Asylum.

Cowper, John, Merchiston Aven, Edinburgh.

Steel, John, M.B., C.M.Edin., Royal Edinburgh Asylum.

Wood, David James, Hope Park Square, Edinburgh.

The following were the questions asked at the Written Examination:—

I.—Describe the *chief and essential* features of a case of Melancholia; and mention the principles of Treatment you would adopt.

II.—Mention the forms of insanity in which Motor Symptoms necessarily exist, stating shortly the kind of Motor Symptoms to be expected in each, and the theory of such Association of Mental and Motor Symptoms in each.

III.—Give the chief symptoms of a case of Adolescent Insanity; describe the treatment of this form of Mental Disease; and mention the grounds on which you would conclude that complete recovery had taken place.

IV.—State briefly the general method you would adopt in examining a Patient supposed to be Insane; how would you distinguish Meningitis from Acute Mania? Under what circumstances would you recommend home in preference to Asylum treatment? Correct the accompanying faulty Certificate.

V.—Name the various forms of Alcoholic Insanity. Describe the condition commonly known as *Chronic Alcoholism*. Give the Prognosis and Treatment.

VI.—What Mental and Physical symptoms, other than the expressed desire of the Patient, would lead you to adopt precautions against Suicide?

MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

CERTIFICATE OF EFFICIENCY.

The next examination for the Certificate of Efficiency in Psychological Medicine will take place on the 22nd and 23rd December, 1887, at Bethlem Hospital.

MORNING EXAMINATION:

11 to 1.

AFTERNOON EXAMINATION:

2 to 4.

For further particulars apply to

HENRY RAYNER, M.D.,

September, 1887.

Hanwell, W.

For information respecting the corresponding Examination in Scotland apply to Dr. URQUHART, Murray Royal Asylum, Perth, N.B.; and in Ireland to Dr. M. COURTENAY, District Asylum, Limerick.

SIR ARTHUR MITCHELL, K.C.B.

The honour bestowed upon Dr. Arthur Mitchell will, we are sure, give universal satisfaction. The Medico-Psychological Association is proud to number him among its members, and this Journal, as its organ, congratulates him upon the well-merited distinction conferred upon him by Her Majesty. As a Commissioner in Lunacy, Sir Arthur Mitchell has left his mark deeply impressed upon the Scotch Lunacy system, with which his name is indelibly associated. Moreover, as an archæologist and as a writer on primitive man, our distinguished *confrère* is well known outside the circle of Psychological Medicine. May he long live to continue his good work and to enjoy his honours!

Appointments.

WHITE, ERNEST, M.B.Lond., M.R.C.P.Lond., A.K.C., appointed Resident Medical Superintendent, City of London Asylum.

LYS, H. G., M.R.C.S., appointed Resident Clinical Assistant to St. Luke's Hospital.

BRUSHFIELD, T., M.B., M.R.C.S., appointed Second Assistant Medical Officer to Kent County Lunatic Asylum, Chatham Downs.

KING, THOMAS RADFORD, M.D.Ed., appointed Medical Superintendent of the Porirua and Wellington Lunatic Asylums, New Zealand.

LEVINGE, E. G., M.B., L.R.C.S.I., Medical Superintendent to the Christchurch Lunatic Asylum, New Zealand.