

SATANIC POSSESSION AND INSANITY.

The following letter from the sister of a patient in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum, Morningside, addressed to Dr. Elkins, shows that the belief in demoniacal possession—once universal—still retains its hold in some quarters:—

DEAR SIR,—Thanks for your minute description of my afflicted brother's condition. He is naturally too quiet; but, sir, I would like you to believe and understand that he is possessed by an evil spirit, and by God's blessing if you would try the experiment of taking great believers of all Christian denominations to his bed, notwithstanding the raving, he would soon get better. It is not he that speaks or acts, it is the evil spirit, though loathing in such cases is natural.

M. R.

EXAMINATION FOR THE CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY IN PSYCHOLOGICAL MEDICINE.

The next examination for England will be held at Bethlem Hospital, July 7th, 1892, at 11 a.m. The examination for the Gaskell Prize will be held on the following day, July 8th. For particulars apply to the Hon. Secretary, Fletcher Beach, M.D., Darent Asylum, Dartford, Kent.

CONGRESS OF EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY.

This Congress will meet at University College, Aug. 1, 1892. For particulars, apply to JAMES SULLY, Esq., East Heath Road, Hampstead. Drs. PERCY SMITH, CUTTERSON WOOD, and MERCIEE have been appointed delegates from the Association.

Appointments.

ANDERSON, A. W., M.B., C.M.Edin., Assistant Medical Officer to the Fife and Kinross District Asylum, Cupar.

BOWES, W. H., M.D., B.S.Lond., F.R.C.S.Eng., Assistant Medical Officer to the Plymouth Borough Asylum, Ivybridge, Devon.

DUFFUS, G., M.B., C.M.Aberd., Medical Superintendent of Brook Villa Asylum, West Derby, Liverpool.

FITZGERALD, G. C., B.A., M.B., B.C.Cantab., Medical Superintendent of the Kent County Asylum, Chartham.

HUNTER, Dr., junr., Assistant Medical Officer to the Royal Asylum, Montrose.

RUTTLEDGE, VICTOR J., M.B.Bch., B.A.O.Univ. Dublin, Assistant Medical Officer to the District Lunatic Asylum, Londonderry.

SIMPSON, ALEX., M.A., M.B., C.M.Aberd., Second Assistant Medical Officer to the Lancashire County Asylum, Whittingham, Preston.

SHORTT, W. R., M.B., B.S., L.R.C.P.Lond. and M.R.C.S.Eng., Third Assistant Medical Officer to the Durham County Asylum.

TAWFS, G. W. H., M.B., C.M.Aberd., Junior Assistant Medical Officer to the Counties Asylum, Carlisle.

WATSON, W. R. KEMLO, M.A., M.B., C.M.Glasgow, Assistant Medical Officer to the Govan Parochial Asylum.