Six Lectures on Crime and Insanity. By W. C. Sullivan, M.D. On Wednesdays at 4.30 p.m., commencing January 10, 1923.

Twelve Clinical Demonstrations in Neurology. By Sir Frederick W. Motts *K.B.E.*, LL.D., M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.S., and F. L. Golla, F.R.C.P. On Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., commencing January 11, 1923. The first six demonstrations will be given by Dr. Golla at the Hospital for Paralysis and Epilepsy, Maida Vale, London. An announcement regarding the six demonstrations by Sir Frederick Mott will be made later.

Lectures will be given on the Legal Relationships of Insanity and Treatment, by C. Hubert Bond, D.Sc., M.D., F.R.C.P., the dates of which will be announced later.

Fees: For whole of Part II, £10 10*s*.; for one single series of lectures, £2 2*s*.

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

The Fellowship of Medicine, 1, Wimpole Street, W., will collect fees from, and issue admission tickets to, medical men intending to take the course who are introduced by the Fellowship.

Bethlem Royal Hospital, London, S.E. 1.—A course of lectures and practical instruction for the Diploma in Psychological Medicine, granted by the various Universities, will be given at Bethlem Royal Hospital, commencing about the middle of January.

The following is a list of the lecturers:

Neurology.—S. A. Kinnier Wilson, M.D., F.R.C.P.; C. C. Worster-Drought, M.D.; F. C. E. Danvers-Atkinson, M.B.; Clement Lovell, M.D.; J. Collier, M.D., F.R.C.P. *Psychology.*—William Brown, D.Sc., M.D.; J. A. Hadfield, M.B. *Mental Deficiency.*—A. F. Tredgold, M.D., F.R.S.Edin. *Psychological Medicine.*—E. D. Macnamara, M.D., F.R.C.P.; W. H. B. Stoddart, M.D., F.R.C.P.; J. G. Porter Phillips, M.D., F.R.C.P.; T. Beaton, *O.B.E.*, M.D.; C. Stanford Read, M.D.; M. Hamblin Smith, M.D.

The lectures are divided into two parts. The fee for the full course is 15 guineas and the fee for Part A or Part B separately is 10 guineas. Entrants who take the complete course may attend the clinical practice of the hospital at a reduced fee.

For the Syllabus and all particulars application should be made to the Physician Superintendent, Bethlem Royal Hospital.

National Hospital for the Paralysed and Epileptic, Queen Square, Bloomsbury, W.C. 1.—Syllabus of Post-Graduate Course, January 22 to March 23, 1923. The Course will consist of the following subjects: Lectures on the Pathology of the Nervous System, by Dr. Greenfield, Mondays, 12 noon. Out-Patient Clinics, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, at 2 p.m. Lectures in the Anatomy and Physiology of the Nervous System; Clinical Lectures and Demonstrations, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, at 3.30 p.m.

The fee for the whole course, including anatomy and physiology, is £12 12*s*., but these lectures may be taken separately for a fee of £4 4*s*. Course without anatomy and physiology lectures will be £10 10*s*. Any part of the Course may be taken separately at a special fee. Special arrangements will be made for those unable to take the whole course. Fees should be paid to the Secretary of the Hospital at the office on entering for the Course.

Tavistock Clinic for Functional Nerve Cases, 51, Tavistock Square, W.C. 1.—A Course of Six Lectures on Psychology and Neurology will be given by C. P. Symonds, M.D., M.R.C.P., on Thursdays, at 5.15 p.m. February 1: The Evolution of the Nervous System. February 8: The Relation of Function to Structure. February 15: The Scope of Neurology. February 22: Exploration. March 1 and 8: The "Nervous Breakdown," its Causation and Treatment. Fee for the Course, £1 1*s*.

INSTRUCTION IN MENTAL DISEASES TO LAY WORKERS.

An interesting development in mental welfare work took place recently at Horton Mental Hospital, Epsom, when, by permission of the Mental Hospitals Committee of the London County Council and with the co-operation of Lt.-Col.

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J. R. Lord, medical superintendent, nineteen secretaries of voluntary associations for mental welfare received a week's course of instruction in mental diseases with a view to their better equipment to deal with the borderland cases about which they were frequently consulted. Lectures were given by Col. Lord on the following subjects: Historical Retrospect of Insanity; the Normal and Disordered Mind; Causation of Insanity and Early Symptoms of Nervous Exhaustion; Clinical Forms of Insanity; Lunacy Law; Institution and Home Care of the Insane (including suggestions for reform). A special demonstration on clinical types was given, and the students paid visits to the wards of the hospital and attended the patients' weekly dance. In addition to the instruction at Horton, lectures were given at the offices of the Central Association for Mental Welfare by Dr. E. A. Hamilton-Pearson on Nervous and Unbalanced Children, and by Dr. W. Norwood East on Co-operation with the Work of Medical Officers of Prisons, whilst visits were paid to the Manor Institution for Mental Defectives recently opened by the L.C.C. at Epsom, and to the Ministry of Pensions Neurological Hospital at Ewell. The students also had an opportunity of discussing with the secretary of the Mental After-Care Association the possibilities of co-operation between that association and associations for mental welfare.

Although a week's course cannot obviously be looked upon as an adequate training in this branch of mental welfare work, the experiment has nevertheless fully justified itself. The students not only gained a clearer idea of the nature of insanity and of its several forms and their varying prognoses, but they were also given opportunities of realising the difficulties inherent in the problem of mental hospital administration, and the impossibility of making any serious contribution to the cause of lunacy reform without a foundation of first-hand knowledge. Such opportunities have hitherto been lacking. This pioneer effort may be the forerunner of developments on a much larger scale, when courses of longer duration will come to be regarded as an indispensable part of the training not only of secretaries of associations for mental welfare, but of social workers in general, most of whom are at some time or other brought into contact with the problem of the unbalanced mind.—*The Lancet*, Nov. 11, 1922.

THE BOARD OF CONTROL: COMMITTEE ON DIETARIES IN MENTAL HOSPITALS (ENGLAND AND WALES).

The Board of Control have added the following members to the Committee which is inquiring into the dietaries in mental hospitals:

Dr. P. T. Hughes, Medical Superintendent of the Worcester County Mental Hospital, Barnsley Hall, near Bromsgrove.

Mr. W. J. Gibbs, Clerk and Steward of the Tooting Bec Mental Hospital, S.W. 17.

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To the Editors of the JOURNAL OF MENTAL SCIENCE.

REX *v.* ERNEST ALBERT WALKER.

(*With the permission of the Prison Commissioners.*)

SIRS,—In the October number of the Journal appears a report by Dr. Hamblin Smith on this case. I desire to comment briefly upon certain matters to which he refers; it is not, however, my intention to discuss at length the reasons which prevented me from supporting the defence of insanity at this trial.

Dr. Hamblin Smith states there was evidence that the prisoner had suffered from fits since he was five years of age. The evidence on this point was not as decisive as this statement suggests. The prisoner told me he had no recollection of any fits, but his mother (recently deceased) told him he had had none since he was three years old. His father at my first interview said the prisoner had had no fits after three years of age; at a later interview he amended this to five years of age, and was sure the accused had had none since he had grown up. A witness at the trial described fits and bed-wetting, but was sure accused was "well of fits" in 1912, when he would be seven to eight years old, and the bed-wetting ceased

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