With regard to the Draft Amending Bill to the Asylum Officers' Superannuation Act, 1909, which had been approved by the Association, the SECRETARY intimated that it would probably be introduced into the House of Commons at an early date as a Private Member's Bill.

In this connection it was also reported that the desirability of including the pathologists of joint pathological schemes within the provisions of the Superannuation Act had been represented to the Secretary of the Conference which had drafted the Amending Bill. A reply of date June 24, 1925, was read regretting that, as the Bill had been finally drafted, the suggestion had been received too late, and suggesting that representation might be made in the proper quarter if and when the Bill reached the committee stage.

Dr. Campbell extended a cordial invitation to the Division to hold its next meeting at the Stirling District Mental Hospital. The Chairman thanked Dr. Campbell, and it was unanimously agreed that the Spring Meeting take place at Larbert in May.

Dr. T. M. DAVIE, *M.C.*, presented a case of pellagra (*vide* p. 211), and Dr. CARMICHAEL read a short *résumé* of the pathology of this disease based on his own and Dr. Susman's work. An interesting discussion ensued, taken part in by Drs. DODS BROWN, J. H. MACDONALD, MCRAE, DONALD ROSS, SHAW and Prof. ROBERTSON.

Members were kindly entertained to lunch at Craig House, after which, on the motion of Dr. CARSWELL, the Managers of the Royal Hospital at Morningside and Prof. ROBERTSON were cordially thanked for the arrangements made in connection with the meeting and for their kind hospitality.

After lunch members were conducted over the Hospital by Prof. Robertson and his assistants.

On the meeting re-assembling, Prof. ROBERTSON read a paper on "The Management of Noisy Patients," which was discussed by Drs. DONALD ROSS, HOTCHKIS, CARSWELL, AIDAN THOMSON, SKOTTOWE, J. H. MACDONALD, SHAW, BARCLAY and MCALISTER.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the business of the meeting.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

London County Council.—The Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, S.E. 5 (*University of London*).—Lectures and Practical Courses of Instruction, under the direction of Sir Frederick Mott, *K.B.E.*, for a Diploma of Psychological Medicine: Ninth Course, 1926. Part II.

(1) Eight lectures on the Psychoneuroses. By Bernard Hart, M.D., M.R.C.P. On Mondays at 3.30 and 5.30 p.m., commencing May 3, 1926.

(2) Eight lectures on Morbid Psychology. By Edward Mapother, M.D., M.R.C.P., F.R.C.S. On Tuesdays at 2.30 and 4.30 p.m., commencing April 6, 1926.

(3) Four lectures on the Pathology of Mental Diseases, including Brain Syphilis, Its Symptomatology and Treatment. By Sir Frederick Mott, *K.B.E.*, LL.D., M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.S. On Fridays at 2.30 p.m., commencing May 7, 1926.

(4) Two lectures on the Legal Relationships of Insanity and Treatment. By C. Hubert Bond, D.Sc., M.D., F.R.C.P. On Tuesdays, June 1 and 8, 1926, at 3 p.m.

(5) Eight lectures on the Practical Aspect of Mental Deficiency. By F. C. Shrubsall, M.D., F.R.C.P. On Thursdays at 2.30 p.m., commencing April 15, 1926, transferring to Tuesdays in May.

(6) Four lectures on Crime and Insanity. By W. Norwood East, M.D. On Tuesdays at 4.30 p.m., commencing May 4, 1926.

(7) Two lectures on Abnormalities of the Fundus Oculi. By R. Foster Moore, *O.B.E.*, M.A., B.Ch., F.R.C.S. On Wednesdays, May 5 and 12, 1926, at 5.15 p.m.

(8) Three lectures on Therapeutics. By A. A. W. Petrie, M.D., F.R.C.S., M.R.C.P., D.P.M. On Thursdays at 4 p.m., commencing April 8, 1926.

(9) Six Demonstrations in Clinical Psychiatry. By Edward Mapother, M.D., M.R.C.P., F.R.C.S. On Wednesdays at 2.30 p.m., commencing May 5, 1926.

(10) Twelve Clinical Demonstrations in Neurology. Six by Sir Frederick Mott, *K.B.E.*, LL.D., M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.S. On Fridays in April and June, commencing April 9, 1926, at 2.30 p.m., at St. Giles's Hospital, Camberwell.

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Six by F. L. Golla, M.D., F.R.C.P. On Thursdays, at 2.30 p.m., commencing May 6, 1926, at the Hospital for Paralysis and Epilepsy, Maida Vale.

Fees: For whole of Part II, £10 10s.; for a single series of Lectures, £2 2s.

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

In addition to the special lectures and demonstrations of the above course, there is opportunity for clinical experience and instruction available at the Hospital. In particular there are a limited number of appointments available as clinical assistants; service in this capacity (either whole time or part time) is recognized by the various examining bodies as constituting the clinical experience required by the regulations for the Diploma.

University of London, Imperial Institute Road, South Kensington, S.W. 7.—A course of lectures on Mental Deficiency for medical practitioners, supplemented by a course of Clinical Instruction, has been arranged by the University Extension Board in co-operation with the Central Association for Mental Welfare commencing May 31 to June 5, 1926.

It is intended for qualified Medical Practitioners and more especially for those who are engaged as certifying officers to local authorities under the Mental Deficiency Act, 1913, as School Medical Officers or as medical officers of institutions, or who are otherwise definitely concerned with defectives. The course will be based on the requirements of the syllabus for the University of London Diploma in Psychological Medicine. The University will grant a certificate of attendance to those who have attended the whole course regularly, taking both theoretical and practical work—

(1) Mental Deficiency. Seven lectures by A. F. Tredgold, Esq., M.D., M.R.C.P., F.R.S.E.

(2) Administrative Procedure in the Ascertainment and Treatment of the Mentally Defective. Three lectures by F. C. Shrubsall, Esq., M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P.

(3) The Psychology of Mental Defectives. Two lectures by Prof. Cyril Burt, M.A., D.Sc.

(4) Crime and Mental Defect. Lecture by W. Norwood East, Esq., M.D.

Clinical Work: The clinical work will consist of visits to special schools for mentally defective children and to residential institutions in or near London, and demonstrations by well-known experts to small groups of students of individual cases of defect.

Fees and Applications: Registration Fee, 10s. 6d.; Fee for the course, £2 12s. 6d.

Cheques should be made payable to Miss Evelyn Fox, C.A.M.W., and crossed Barclay's Bank, Ltd. All communications with regard to the course should be addressed to Miss Evelyn Fox, c/o University Extension Department, University of London, South Kensington, S.W. 7.

OBSERVATIONS ON A MENTAL HOSPITAL DEATH-RATE.[1]

By W. Gordon Masefield, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Medical Superintendent, Essex County Mental Hospital, Brentwood.

[Abstract.]

In order to find out the exact position regarding the death-rate at this Hospital (Essex County Mental Hospital, Severalls), I have taken the five-year period 1920–1924 inclusive, and have endeavoured to pick out some points of general interest.

The points involved are heating and lighting, nursing staff and diet, and the greatest of these is diet! During the war years the evil results of inadequate diet, overcrowded and insufficiently heated wards and an insufficient and untrained staff were shown in glaring fashion, and the death-rate figures soared.

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[1] A paper read at the Spring Meeting of the South-Eastern Division, April 30, 1925, at which time the author was on the Medical Staff of Severalls Mental Hospital, Colchester.

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