Act, 1890, posted up in the waiting-rooms of pauper asylums, since this step had been now for some time under the consideration of the Lunacy Board; and if so, when would this commence.—Dr. ADDISON replied: I am advised that this proposal is by no means free from difficulties, and that there is much difference of opinion among experts as to its advisability. But the Board of Control have now completed their inquiries and I hope to receive their considered recommendation early in January.

February 21st, 1921: *Maintenance of patients in mental hospitals.*—Mr. FINNEY asked the Minister of Health whether his attention had been drawn to a resolution of a meeting of Poor-Law Guardians of the Wolstanton and Burslem Union, Staffordshire, calling attention to the increasing charges on the rates and with special reference to the recent increase for the charge in the maintenance of patients in the mental hospital from 28*s.* to 35*s.* per week, and to the fact that the Exchequer contributions, as fixed under the Local Government Act, 1888, remained the same, and the grant, notwithstanding the enhanced cost of maintenance, for patients in mental hospitals still remained at 4*s.* per week per patient, which grant of 4*s.* was fixed originally when the average cost of maintenance would be from 8*s.* to 9*s.*, whereas it was now four times the amount, and in addition the establishment and other charges included in the precepts received by guardians from county councils increased considerably the amount of 35*s.* weekly, and protesting most strongly against these increasing burdens without some adequate or comparative increase in the amount of the grants allowed, and pressing that some definite action be taken by the Government to make some recompense and appease the indignation caused by such increasing charges on the rates; and whether he could indicate the intentions of the Government respecting the same.—Dr. ADDISON replied: I have received a copy of this resolution. As I stated in reply to numerous questions asked last session on this subject it would not be practicable, in view of the contemplated reform of the Poor Law, to deal with this particular matter at the present time.

March 10th: Amendment of Lunacy Laws.—Mr. ALFRED DAVIS asked the Minister of Health if his attention had been drawn to a resolution passed by the Committee of Visitors for the Isle of Ely and Borough of Cambridge Mental Hospital; that in the opinion of the visitors the use of the terms "pauper lunatic" and "pauper lunatic asylum" should be discontinued, and that the Ministry of Health be asked to procure an amendment of the Lunacy Acts, substituting the terms "patient" and "mental hospital"; and whether, in view of this essential reform, he would give this matter his careful consideration.—Dr. ADDISON replied: I am in sympathy with the spirit of the resolution, but it would require considerable amendment of the Lunacy Acts to eliminate these terms altogether, and I am afraid that any substituted terms would tend to acquire the same associations.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

Henderson Research Scholarship in Mental Diseases.—This Scholarship has been founded in the interests of persons affected by nervous or mental diseases.

The generous donor's desire to encourage research into the causation and prevention of these diseases is worthy of the widest publicity.

The fund is to be administered by a Board of Trustees, with James Johnston, Esq., C.A., 190, West George Street, Glasgow, as Secretary.

The value of the Scholarship is £250 per annum, tenable for one year or less, and annually renewable for a maximum period of three years.

The field of research is of the widest possible scope—clinical, pathological, psychological, neurological and sociological, as touching the subject.

The candidate must be a graduate in medicine of a British University, college or school, or intimately engaged in the study of mental defect as a social problem. Aptitude for original research is necessary, and the scholar should devote his whole time to the investigation. Failing this, grants may be given to part-time workers.

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appointments, with recommendations from two recognised specialists in this particular branch of medicine

The Maudsley Hospital.—Lectures and practical courses of instruction for a diploma of psychological medicine, third course, 1921.

Part I.—Eight Lectures on the Anatomy of the Nervous System. By Sir Frederick Mott, K.B.E., M.D., LL.D., F.R.S., F.R.C.P. On Tuesdays, at 2.30 p.m., commencing on April 5th, 1921. The evolution of the nervous system in the animal series—physiological levels—macroscopic and microscopic anatomy of the nervous system—the neurone concept—the projection, association and autonomic systems—ultimate distribution of the cranial nerves, spinal nerve-roots and sympathetic nerves—the meninges—cerebral arteries and their distribution—the intracranial venous and lymphatic systems—the congruence of structure and function in the brain—the congruence of experimental investigation with anatomical observation—the clinico-anatomical methods of investigating the functions of the central nervous system, spinal cord, medulla oblongata, pons, cerebellum, mesencephalon; basal ganglia, cerebral hemispheres—the cortex cerebri in relation to cerebral localisation, including the cerebral mechanism of speech—the structure of the endocrine and reproductive organs.

Practical Instruction and Demonstrations.—Methods of staining nervous tissue and preparing it for microscopical examination—the living nerve cell—the nerve fibre—degeneration and regeneration of nerves—distribution of sections, illustrating the principal diseases of the nervous system, for mounting as a permanent collection.

Eight Lectures on the Physiology of the Nervous System. By F. Golla, M.D., F.R.C.P., Physician, St. George's Hospital. On Fridays, at 2.30 p.m., commencing on April 8th, 1921. Reflex action—co-ordination and proprioceptive system—motor system, including muscle and nerve—sensation—fatigue—localisation and reference of sensation, normal and abnormal—special senses—mental work and fatigue—methods of investigation—physiology of the emotions—endocrinology—the autonomic system—action of alcohol and drugs—physiological chemistry—trophic and vegetative functions.

Practical Instruction and Demonstrations.—Physiological chemistry: Chemistry of the nervous system, and cerebro-spinal fluid—nitrogen and phosphorus metabolism—abnormal constituents of urine—physico-chemical methods as applied to bio-chemical research—blood analysis: sugar, chlorides, ash constituents, etc.—gastric contents analysis.

Practical physiology: Physical concomitants of emotion—recording reflexes and tremors in man—action of drugs on autonomic system—the study of reflex action in the spinal animal.

Eight Lectures on Psychology. By Henry Devine, M.D., F.R.C.P. On Thursdays, at 2.30 p.m., commencing on April 7th, 1921. Definition and scope of psychology—behaviour—adjustment—classification of responses—instinct—habit—thought—relation of mind and body—the psycho-physical organisation as a biological unit—integration—methods of psychological investigation—analysis and classification of modes of consciousness—cognition—sensation—perception—imagination—memory—association—judgment—conation—attention—volition—affection—emotion—mood—sentiment—personality—temperament—character—sleep—dreams—suggestion—hypnosis—dissociation—illusion—hallucination—delusions—disorders of attention—fatigue—effects of drugs on reactions.

Practical Instruction and Demonstration.—Sensation—psycho-physical methods—statistical methods—reaction times—association memory—intelligence tests—muscular and mental work.

Part II.—Part II will follow in October, 1921, and will include lectures and demonstrations on the following subjects. A further announcement will be made as to times and lecturers.

(1) The Diagnosis, Prognosis and Treatment of Mental Diseases.
(2) Mental Defect and Crime.
(3) The Practical Aspect of Mental Deficiency.
(4) Pathology of Mental Diseases, including Brain Syphilis, its Symptomatology and Treatment.
(5) The Symptomatology of Mental Diseases.
(6) The Psycho-neuroses.
(7) Demonstrations in Neurology.

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Fees.

	£	s.	d.
For the whole course of Part I and Part II	15	15	0
For Part I separately	10	10	0
For Part II separately	10	10	0
Part I: Single series of lectures	4	4	0
Part II „ „	2	2	0

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

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.

University of London Extension Board.—A Course of Post-Graduate Lectures on Mental Deficiency with Clinical Instruction. The course will be of two weeks' duration, beginning on Monday, May 23rd, 1921, and ending on Saturday, June 4th, 1921. The course is 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. All communications with reference to the course should be addressed to Miss Evelyn Fox, at the University of London, Imperial Institute Road, South Kensington, S.W. 7.

Lectures will be delivered at the University of London, South Kensington, unless otherwise stated.

Time-table of Lectures and Clinical Work: Unless otherwise stated, Demonstrations will be given from 2–4 p.m., and Visits to Schools will last from 1.30–3.30 p.m. Monday, May 23rd, 10 a.m., Dr. Tredgold, "Nature of Mental Deficiency"; 11.15 a.m., Mr. Burt, "Psychological Tests." Tuesday, May 24th, 10 a.m., Dr. Tredgold, "Causation"; 11.15 a.m., Miss Fildes, "Training of Mentally Defective Children." Wednesday, May 25th, 10 a.m., Dr. Tredgold, "Morbid Anatomy and Histology," with Demonstration at Royal College of Surgeons; 5–6 p.m., Dr. Shrubsall, "Mental Deficiency Act." Thursday, May 26th, 10 a.m., Dr. Tredgold, "Classification"; 11.15 a.m., Mr. Burt, "Psychological Tests." Friday, May 27th, no lectures, whole-day visit to Institution. Saturday, May 28th, 10 a.m., Dr. Shrubsall, "Duties of Local Education Authorities"; 11.15 a.m., Dr. Tredgold, "Characteristics of Amentia." Monday, May 30th, 10 a.m., Dr. Tredgold, "Clinical Varieties"; 11.15 a.m., Miss Fildes, "Training of Mentally Defective Children." Tuesday, May 31st, 10 a.m., Dr. Tredgold, "Clinical Varieties"; 11.15 a.m., Mr. Burt, "Psychological Tests." Wednesday, June 1st, 10 a.m., Dr. Shrubsall, "School Children"; 11.15 a.m., Dr. Tredgold, "Clinical Varieties," and 2 p.m., Demonstration at the Fountains Mental Hospital. Thursday, June 2nd, 10 a.m., Dr. Tredgold, "Moral Imbecility"; 11.15 a.m., Dr. Prideaux, "Psychoneuroses." Friday, June 3rd, 10 a.m., Dr. Tredgold, "Differential Diagnosis"; 11.15 a.m., Dr. Sullivan, "Crime and Mental Deficiency"; 5–6 p.m., Dr. Shrubsall, "Duties of Local Control Authorities." Saturday, June 4th, 10 a.m., Dr. Shrubsall, "Methods of Dealing with Defectives"; 11.15 a.m., Dr. Tredgold, "Differential Diagnosis." In addition, demonstrations and visits to schools and institutions will be arranged for eight afternoons during the course. In May each student will receive detailed particulars of the special school and the certified institution for defectives that he will visit, and of the demonstrations that he will attend. Students wishing to visit any particular special school, home or institution, must inform the Hon. Secretary before May 2nd, 1921: she will then endeavour to arrange for the visit.

Fees and applications: Registration fee, £1 1s.; fee for the course, £5 5s. The course is strictly limited as to numbers, therefore early application is desirable. No applications will be entertained after Monday, May 2nd, 1921. The registration fee of one guinea must be paid at the time of application, and the fee for the course must be paid by May 2nd. If applicants withdraw from the course before May 9th, 1921, the fee of five guineas will be returned, or carried forward to another course, as preferred. After that date no fee can be returned. The Board of Control are prepared to consider applications from local authorities under the Mental Deficiency Act, 1913, for a contribution towards the

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reasonable expenses incurred in sending medical officers to the course. After consultation with the Board of Education it has been ascertained that the Board would not desire to offer any objection to the payment out of funds applicable for the purpose of Part II of the Education Act, 1902, *i.e.*, higher education, of any expenditure consequential on the attendance of school medical officers at those lectures which can legally be paid under the Education Acts.

THE MENTAL AFTER-CARE ASSOCIATION.

THE Annual Meeting of the Mental After-Care Association, which has done much valuable work during the last forty years in aiding the restoration to ordinary mundane activities of large numbers of poor persons discharged convalescent or recovered after treatment in mental hospitals, was held on February 24th at Bridewell Royal Hospital. Alderman Sir Charles Wakefield, Bt., who presided, after giving examples of the beneficent results of the Association's operations with the very limited funds at its disposal, announced his generous intention to defray the deficit of £70 outstanding at the end of last year. The report was read by Dr. Henry Rayner (Chairman of the Council), and its adoption moved by the Right Hon. Sir William Byrne, Bt. (Chairman of the Board of Control), who drew attention to the great value of the timely help and assistance on discharge of necessitous patients in consolidating recovery and preventing relapse, incidentally referring to the high character of the services of the staffs of our asylums, sometimes ungraciously impugned by certain irresponsible sections of the press. The motion was seconded by the Bishop of Barking and carried. The re-election of the officers was proposed by another member of the Board of Control, Dr. Hubert Bond, C.B.E., and seconded by the Hon. John Mansfield (Lord Chancellor's Visitor), and the adoption of the balance-sheet, which showed an aggregate income for 1920 of £3,061 15*s.* 8*d.* (more than half of which was derived from charitable sources), was moved by Mr. Gabain and seconded by Sir George Savage, M.D., Treasurer of the Association. A hearty vote of thanks to Sir Charles Wakefield for presiding and for his generous donation closed the proceedings.—*British Medical Journal*, March 5th, 1921.

THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF PSYCHOLOGY: MEDICAL SECTION.

THE first number of this new Journal has recently been published. Dr. T. W. Mitchell is the Editor, and he is assisted by Drs. Ernest Jones, Constance Long, George Riddock and W. H. R. Rivers. Dr. Pierre Janet contributes the first paper, entitled "La Tension Psychologique, ses degrés, ses oscillations." It is evidently not intended to translate contributions by foreign writers, and there is something to be said for this policy when the language is one with which most educated people are familiar. Discussions on "The Revival of Emotional Memories and its Therapeutic Value" form the subject of four articles by Drs. William Brown, Charles S. Myers and W. McDougall. Dr. Constance Long contributes an article on "Psychological Adaptation," and Dr. Ernest Jones writes an important *résumé* of the recent advance in psycho-analysis. Dr. G. Stanford Read contributes a comprehensive review of the clinical studies of Pierre Clark on the "Pathogenesis of Epilepsy." A number of book reviews, abstracts and notes on the contents of recent periodicals conclude the number.

We have also received the second number of the Journal, which includes several contributions of interest and value.

LIMERICK DISTRICT ASYLUM: A CORRECTION.

IN our last issue certain Mental Hospital Reports for the year 1919 were commented upon. Amongst these was one concerning Limerick District. Regret was expressed that the exact number of the report was omitted. Inadvertently the words "from the title-page," which is the usual position, did not appear. The Resident Medical Superintendent, Dr. Irwin, gives prominence to the number, which is the 92nd, at the head of his annual summary to the Committee of the Institution. This would entitle the hospital to the honour of being one of the oldest district institutions of its kind in Ireland.

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