The instruction should throughout have special reference to medico-psychological facts and problems, so as to give a working basis for subsequent lectures in morbid psychology (which should be considered a necessary part of the general instruction in psychiatry).

The findings and resolutions of the Committee be circulated to the Medical Schools who have replied.

MORE TRUTH THAN POETRY?

By JAMES J. MONTAGUE.

1.

WHEN Uncle Ebenezer
Grew wobbly on his gait,
The doctors said, " He'll soon be dead
Unless we operate.
Your relative's condition
Is one that we deplore,
But still the knife will save his life,
And make him young once more."

2.

And so they plied their cleavers
With scientific art,
They cleft his hide and peeked inside
And took him all apart.
And Uncle Ebenezer
Quite quit of his disease,
Jumped out of bed and scratched his head
And took to climbing trees.

3.

We find the dear old fellow
Has changed his habits now.
He loves to sway and swing all day
Upon a maple bough,
And when a barrel organ
Came up the street one day,
To our surprise, with chattering cries,
He followed it away.

4.

The doctors never told us
The nature of their cure,
They kept it dark with the remark
That it was safe and sure.
But from the way our uncle
Goes hopping to and fro,
And tries to eat with both his feet,
We sort of think we know.

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GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

AT a meeting of the above Council held on January 18 at 20, Portland Place, London, W., the following Mental Nursing Committee was elected : Mr. Blackman, Miss Brown, Miss Bushby, Miss Cowlin, Dr. Fawcett, Lady Galway, Dr. Marvell, Miss Villiers.

It was reported that the total number of mental nurses who registered from November, 1922, to December 31, 1928, was 7,184 (including 191 by examination), and of mental deficiency nurses 378 (including 1 by examination), and that 60 mental nurses registered during 1928.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

The Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, S.E. 5 (*University of London*).—Lectures and Practical Courses of Instruction for a Diploma in Psychological Medicine, Course XII, 1929, Part II.

Eight lectures on the Psychoneuroses. By Bernard Hart, M.D., F.R.C.P. On Mondays at 3 and 4.30 p.m., commencing April 29, omitting May 20.

Eight lectures on Morbid Psychology. By Edward Mapother, M.D., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.P. On Wednesdays at 2.30 and 4 p.m., commencing March 6.

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