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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Four lectures on the Pathology of Mental Diseases. By F. Golla, F.R.C.P., followed by four demonstrations in Pathology of the Central Nervous System, by Charles Geary, on Fridays at 2.30 p.m., commencing May 10.

Four lectures on the Legal Relationships of Insanity and Treatment. By C. Hubert Bond, LL.B., M.D., F.R.C.P. On Fridays at 4 p.m., commencing May 10.

Six lectures on the Practical Aspect of Mental Deficiency. By F. C. Shrubsall, M.D., F.R.C.P. On Tuesdays at 2.30 p.m., commencing March 5, omitting April 2.

Six lectures on Crime and Insanity. By W. Norwood East, M.D., M.R.C.P. On Tuesdays at 3 p.m., commencing April 23.

Three lectures on Therapeutics. By A. A. W. Petrie, M.D., F.R.C.S., M.R.C.P. On Tuesdays at 4 p.m., commencing March 26, omitting April 2.

Six Demonstrations in Clinical Psychiatry. By Edward Mapother, M.D., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.P. On Wednesdays at 2.30 p.m., commencing April 24.

Twelve clinical demonstrations in Neurology. Six by F. M. R. Walshe, D.Sc., M.D., F.R.C.P., on Thursdays in March, commencing March 7, at 2.30 p.m., omitting March 28, at the National Hospital for Paralysis, Queen's Square. Six by F. Golla, F.R.C.P. On Thursdays at 3 p.m., commencing April 25, at the Hospital for Paralysis and Epilepsy, Maida Vale.

Two lectures on Abnormalities of the Fundus Oculi. By R. Foster Moore, M.A., F.R.C.S. On Mondays, April 15 and 22, at 2.30 p.m.

Two demonstrations in Laboratory Methods, including the Examination of the Blood and Cerebro-spinal Fluid. By S. A. Mann, B.Sc., F.I.C. On Tuesdays, May 7 and 14, at 4.30 p.m.

Fees for the whole of Part II, £10 10*s.*

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

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

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. Applications and inquiries regarding these clinical facilities should be made to the Medical Superintendent of the Hospital.

The Tavistock Square Clinic for Functional Nervous Disorders, 51, Tavistock Square, W.C. 1.—A Short Course of Lectures on Functional Nervous Disorders for practitioners and students will be given at the Clinic, beginning February 11, 1929, the lecturers being J. R. Rees, M.D., W. Langdon Brown, M.D., F.R.C.P., John Freeman, M.D., H. Crichton-Miller, M.D., James Young, M.D., and George Riddoch, M.D., F.R.C.P.

Fee for the Course: Medical practitioners, £2 2*s.*; medical students (*i.e.*, unqualified), 10*s.* 6*d.* Tickets for the Course can be obtained in advance from the Hon. Lecture Secretary at the Clinic. These lectures are not open to the general public.

The National Council for Mental Hygiene.—A series of lectures to be delivered in the Rooms of the Medical Society of London, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W. 1, at 5 p.m. as follows:

January 23: "Dangerous Ages—Childhood," by Dr. J. A. Hadfield.
January 30: "Dangerous Ages—Youth," by Dr. Hugh Crichton-Miller.
February 13: "Dangerous Ages—Middle Age," by Dr. Helen A. Boyle.
February 20: "Efficiency and Deficiency," by Dr. Letitia Fairfield.
February 27: "The Irresistible Impulse," by Dr. W. A. Potts.
March 6: "The Minor Mental Disorders of Everyday Life," by Dr. Bernard Hart.
March 13: "The Problem of Nervous Breakdown," by Sir Maurice Craig, M.D.
March 20: "The Mental Hospital of To-day," by Dr. C. Hubert Bond.

Tickets, price 1*s.* 6*d.* each, or 10*s.* for the course, may be obtained from the Secretary, National Council for Mental Hygiene, 78, Chandos House, Palmer Street, S.W. 1. Tickets may also be obtained at the door.

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