RESIGNATION OF DR. HOWDEN.

At the February Meeting of the Managers of the Royal Asylum, Montrose, Dr. Howden intimated his resignation after a service of nearly forty years as Physician Superintendent. The Committee recommended that the Managers should accept Dr. Howden's resignation, and express their deep regret that he should have felt himself constrained to take such a step; that he should have the highest pension allowed by the Lunacy Acts; that he should be retained as consulting physician. Many handsome and well-deserved compliments were paid to Dr. Howden by those with whom he has been intimately associated in the management of the Montrose Asylum, and we assuredly express the feeling of his numerous friends in hoping that he may see many and happy days in the evening of his laborious and useful life.

THE LIBRARY.

The Librarian acknowledges receipt of the following, which have been placed on the catalogue:—

The Insane and the Law, by Pitt Lewis, Percy Smith, and Hawke; presented by Dr. Percy Smith.

Journal of Mental Science, No. 112; presented by Dr. Urquhart.

Micro Photographs of Brain Cells; presented by Dr. Turner.

The Librarian begs to intimate that No. 113 of the *Journal of Mental Science* is required to make up the set belonging to the Association.

NOTICES BY THE REGISTRAR.

Examination for the Certificate in Psychological Medicine.

The following candidates were successful at the examination held on the 17th December, 1896:—

ENGLAND.

Examined at Bethlem Hospital, London.—John Rutherford Gilmour, James Henry Horton.

SCOTLAND.

Examined at the Royal Asylum, Edinburgh.—John Stoddart. *Examined at the Royal Asylum, Glasgow.*—William Stewart Cook.

IRELAND.

Examined at the Eglinton Asylum, Cork.—Elizabeth J. Moffett.

The following were the written questions:—1. What considerations would guide you in advising that a case of insanity should be treated (*a*) at home, (*b*) in a private dwelling, or (*c*) in an asylum? 2. What are the mental symptoms which are frequently associated with and consequent upon chronic epilepsy? Discuss briefly their relation to crime. 3. What is the value of the clinical thermometer in mental diseases? When are febrile and when subnormal temperatures met with in the insane? 4. What do you understand by a "systematised delusion"? Describe a case. 5. Enumerate the various forms of insanity due to or associated with the excessive use of alcohol, and describe briefly the symptoms of each. 6. What questions would you especially consider if consulted as to a man's testamentary capacity? What would lead you to believe he possessed this capacity although his mind might not be sound on all points?

The next examination will be held in July, 1897. Due notice of the day will be given in the *Lancet*, the *British Medical Journal*, and the *Medical Press*.

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