a rigid disciplinarian, and demanded punctual and minute attention to all details of treatment. While kind and indulgent to the patients, he had no toleration for carelessness or neglect in the servants of the institution. He expected from his staff a devotion akin to his own, and he appreciated upright and efficient service as those only can who strive to render it themselves.

He died in his 84th year, having really spent his life in the cause of the insane. Few men have left a record of such long and faithful service.

WILLIAM HENRY OCTAVIUS SANKEY, M.D.Lond., F.R.C.P.

We regret to have to chronicle the death of Dr. Sankey, of Boreatton Park, Shrewsbury. He was a student at St. Bartholomew's, and after practising at Margate, became resident medical officer at the London Fever Hospital. In 1854 he was appointed medical superintendent of the female side of the Hanwell Asylum, where he worked assiduously for ten years. His health was not good and he preferred having a private asylum, at Sandywell Park, near Cheltenham. This did not prevent him coming up to London and lecturing in the summer at University College, on Mental Diseases. In 1882 he removed to Boreatton Park, and was, we believe, successful in his private asylum there. Two years later he issued a second edition of his Lectures on Mental Diseases, a work favourably reviewed in this Journal. He was President of the Medico-Psychological Association in 1868. As recently as 1887 he was President of the Shropshire and Mid-Wales Branch of the British Medical Association.

The intelligence of his death reaches us as the last sheet is passing through the press, and the space at our command does not admit of a more extended notice. We understand he had been ailing for some time with hepatic symptoms of a somewhat obscure nature, but the announcement of his death will come to many as a surprise. He died on the 8th of March, of pneumonia, after a few days' illness.

MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.*

M.P.C. Examination.

ENGLAND.

Bethlem Hospital, *December* 20 *and* 21, 1889.

Examiners:

Dr. Fielding Blandford and Dr. Hack Tuke (in the absence of Dr. Rayner).

The following candidates received the Certificate of Efficiency in Psychological Medicine:—

J. Chambers, M.B., M.Ch., Assistant Medical Officer, County Asylum, Garlands, Carlisle.

J. C. Mackenzie, M.B., C.M.Edin., Assistant Medical Officer, County Asylum, Morpeth.

N. Raw, M.B., B.S., Assistant Medical Officer, Borough Asylum, Portsmouth.

Questions:

I.—What treatment should you employ to procure sleep in: 1. Acute Delirious Mania? 2. Acute Melancholia? 3. Acute Mania? 4. Simple Melancholia? 5. The Acute Stage of General Paralysis?

II.—What are the post-mortem appearances in the brain of patients dying: *a*. In an attack of Acute Insanity? *b*. After Chronic Insanity? *c*. After General Paralysis?

* The next Examination, and also one for Honours (Gaskell Prize) will be held at Bethlem Hospital in July, 1889. For particulars apply to Dr. Savage, 3, Henrietta Street, Cavendish Square, W.

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III.—What are the chief points to be noted in the diagnosis of General Paralysis? What other disorders may simulate it?

IV.—What is the connection between Insanity and Epilepsy? How would the presence of the latter affect the diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment of the former?

V.—What is the duty of medical men as to recommending or discountenancing the marriage of a person who has had symptoms of insanity, or in whose family insanity exists?

VI.—When consulted about patients who have recently become insane, for which cases should you recommend an asylum and for which treatment in a private house?

SCOTLAND.*

ROYAL EDINBURGH ASYLUM, 17th *December*, 1888.

Examiners:

DR. YELLOWLEES and DR. ROBIE.

Assessors:

DR. CLOUSTON and DR. REID.

The following candidates passed the Examination:—

JOHN ANDERSON, M.B., C.M., Assistant Physician, Royal Asylum, Aberdeen.

JAMES CAMERON, M.B., C.M., Extra Assistant Physician, Royal Edinburgh Asylum.

EDWARD W. EZARD, M.B., B.Sc., Assistant Physician, Royal Asylum, Edinburgh.

FREDERICK KEYT, M.B., C.M., Aberdeen.

Questions:

I.—Describe the different varieties of stupor, giving their characteristics, prognosis, and treatment.

II.—Describe fully a typical case of general paralysis, including causation, progress, and *post-mortem* appearances.

III.—What other conditions resemble general paralysis, and how are they to be distinguished from it?

IV.—Describe an attack of acute mania. What is the treatment required at the different stages of the illness, and what are the dangers to be chiefly guarded against?

V.—State very fully the precautions needful in the care of a suicidal patient in his own house.

VI.—What are the forms of alcoholic insanity and the chief features of each?

IRELAND.†

DUBLIN, *January* 31, 1889.

Examiners:

DR. CONOLLY NORMAN and DR. RINGROSE ATKINS.

Names of candidates who passed the Examination:—

JAMES GAUSSEN MACNEECE, L.K.Q.C.P., L.R.C.S.I., Surgeon, Army Medical Department.

R. LOCKHART S. DONALDSON, M.B., M.Ch., University of Dublin, Assistant Resident Medical Officer, Monaghan District Asylum.

Questions:

I.—Give some of the most important classifications of insanity which have been put forward, and state, with your reasons, which you consider the soundest and most practically useful.

II.—Describe in detail how you would conduct the clinical examination of an

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† For particulars of the next Examination apply to Dr. Conolly Norman, Richmond Asylum, Dublin.

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insane patient, in order to determine the possible causation, and the probable outcome of the case, physically and mentally.

III.—Mention the different clinical groups of "States of Mental Depression," and sketch briefly the prominent distinguishing features of each.

IV.—What form of Mental Disease is the insanity occurring at the period of adolescence, likely to eventuate in? Describe its characteristics as regards its symptoms, course, and prognosis.

V.—An insane patient has been refusing food—What indications would guide you in forming an opinion that the time had arrived when artificial feeding should be had recourse to?

VI.—Mention some of the Hypnotics more recently introduced in the treatment of the insane; state the advantages or disadvantages of each; their doses, mode of administration, and the indications which call for their exhibition.

VII.—Discuss the following points connected with General Paralysis of the insane:—(*a*) general diagnosis; (*b*) importance of early diagnosis in medico-legal aspect; (*c*) proposed clinical division into stages; (*d*) varieties of mental symptoms.

VIII.—Sketch a case of "Circular Insanity." What is the prognosis in such a case?

IX.—Define the following terms:—delusion, hallucination, illusion, imperative conception (or concept).

X.—You are called on to give an opinion as to testamentary capacity in a person of advanced age. What indications would guide you in forming the opinion that senile insanity existed?

XI.—You examine a prisoner committed for an act of violence. Mention the circumstances which would induce you to believe that the person was—(*a*) feigning insanity; (*b*) had acted under insane impulse; (*c*) suffered from transitory insanity; or (*d*) from moral insanity.

XII.—What is durhœmatoma? In what affections is the condition most commonly found, and what are the theories as to its essential nature?

UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY.

[We are indebted to DR. NORTON MANNING for the following, which it affords us much pleasure to insert.—EDS.]

EXAMINATION IN PSYCHOLOGICAL MEDICINE,

Wednesday, December 12, 1888.

Questions:

I.—State briefly the method you would adopt in examining a patient supposed to be insane. Describe the legal processes necessary for the admission of a patient into a Hospital for the Insane or licensed house. Mention the conditions which render an insane person "a proper person to be taken charge of and detained under care and treatment." Criticize and correct the accompanying faulty certificate.

II.—Describe the symptoms of delirium tremens. State the treatment necessary, and mention the prognosis and the different modes in which an attack of delirium tremens may terminate.

III.—Give the chief diagnostic points, bodily and mental, in a case of general paralysis of the insane, and describe fully the pathology of this affection and of syphilitic arteritis.

IV.—Give a classification of insanity, and mention briefly the principles on which it is based.

V.—Mention the varieties of melancholia or mental depression. Describe the symptoms—physical, sensory, and mental—and the course and treatment of—1st,

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simple; and 2nd, active, excited, or resistive melancholia. Mention the forms of insanity in which suicide is most to be apprehended.

VI.—Define shortly the terms "mental exaltation," "insane delusion," "masked or larvated epilepsy," and "genetous idiocy."

ASYLUM STATISTICS.

The attention of the Medical Superintendents of Asylums is drawn to the possible effect of the new County Councils in changing the period of the Statistical Year as given in the annual reports, seeing that the financial year will in future end in March. We hope that every effort will be made to continue the present plan of making the *statistical* year end with Dec. 31. Any change would tend to lessen the value of the tables. Uniformity both for the purpose of comparison of past and future tables, and the returns of different asylums, in future is most desirable.—[EDS.]

Appointments.

ALEXANDER, J. W., L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.Edin., appointed Junior Medical Officer to the County Asylum, Rainhill.

BIRT, A., M.B., C.M.Ed., appointed Second Assistant Medical Officer to the Durham County Asylum.

CALDECOTT, CHAS., M.B., B.S.Lond., appointed Junior Assistant Medical Officer to the Holloway Sanatorium for the Insane.

CALLCOTT, J. T., M.D., appointed Medical Superintendent of the Newcastle-on-Tyne Borough Asylum.

CROOK, H. E., M.B., B.S.Lond., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed Resident Medical Attendant to the Eastern Counties Asylum for Idiots, Colchester.

FINNY, WM. E. St.L., M.B., M.Ch.Roy.Univ. Ireland, appointed Third Assistant Medical Officer to the Kent County Asylum, Barming Heath.

FINUCANE, M., M.R.C.S., appointed Junior Assistant Medical Officer to the Hants County Asylum.

GREENE, A., L.R.C.S.I., L.R.C.P.Ed., appointed Consulting and Visiting Physician to the Ennis District Lunatic Asylum.

MCDOWALL, T. W., Northumberland County Asylum, Morpeth, has been appointed Lecturer on Psychological Medicine at the University of Durham College of Medicine, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

MAIR, L. W.D., M.B.Lond., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Coppice Lunatic Asylum, Nottingham.

MOYNAN, W. A., M.D., M.Ch., appointed Medical Superintendent of Wyke House Asylum, Isleworth.

POPE, P., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed Junior Assistant Medical Officer to the State Criminal Lunatic Asylum, Broadmoor.

RIDLEY, J. B., M.B., C.M.Ed., appointed Resident Assistant Medical Officer to the Metropolitan Asylums Board Schools for Idiot Children, Darenth, Kent.

SMITH, R. G., M.A., B.Sc., M.R.C.S., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Lancashire County Asylum.

TANNER, C. P., M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., appointed Third Assistant Medical Officer to the Worcester County and City Lunatic Asylum.

TURNER, J. J. C., Secretary of the Eastern Counties Asylum for Idiots, Colchester, has been appointed, with his wife, Superintendent and Matron of that Institution. He will continue to hold the office of Secretary. The late Superintendent and Matron, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Williams, have been appointed Master and Matron of the Holborn Union-house.

WIGLESWORTH, Dr., appointed Lecturer on Mental Diseases in University College, Liverpool.

WILSON, R. A., M.B., C.M.Edin., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Rubery Hill Asylum, Birmingham.

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