

frequently sought, and cases of mental disease frequently ameliorated by their removal. Psychiatry had been far too given to unlimited verbosity as regards mental disease, rather than the search for clinical and curative methods. In a recent number of the *Journal*, Dr. Goodall had given a very carefully considered review of those conditions of mental disorder associated with chronic sepsis. Again, it had been pleasant to see, in the July number, 1932, a monograph on Sinusitis in Mental Disorders, giving directions as to the treatment of this disease. Of course the foci found most easily were those of the teeth and gums, whereas others were most difficult to trace and costly to treat. He had had two patients suffering from uterine toxæmia hysterectomized a few weeks ago. Both had recovered from the operation, and one lady had lost the sullen and hallucinated state in which she had been for some years, and had made a good mental recovery. The other was much improved mentally. But he would not advise hysterectomy except in such mental cases as show definite symptoms of pelvic disease of a septic nature.

Cotton in America and Hunter and Ford Robertson in Great Britain were the great exponents and advocates of specialized surgical treatment in these cases.

One could not but feel that many of the writers on the subject were possibly unduly optimistic of its value, and one could not neglect the hereditary factor in the causation of insanity.

Dr. MOLONY cited a case where a septic nasal condition seemed to be clearly associated with confusional symptoms, and in which the latter symptoms had temporarily become more marked on the septic conditions being dealt with.

Dr. GRAHAM expressed the view that he was never able to satisfy himself that a septic focus was the sole cause of any mental illness, and he cited several interesting cases, where a combination of conditions—shock, heredity, stress, etc.—had been in operation as well as the septic focus. He was, however, strongly in favour of attempting—where possible—to remove any focus of infection.

Dr. MILLS stated that he had frequently dealt with conditions of nasal sepsis and sinusitis in members of his staff, but had never met with one who showed any tendency to mental symptoms. He had frequently had chronically inflamed appendices removed from mental patients, without any apparent benefit to their mental state.

Dr. HONAN expressed the view that focal sepsis was already losing its prestige in the domain of physical diseases, and that the extraction of tonsils, etc., for rheumatism in children appeared to be of doubtful benefit.

Dr. KEENE cited a case of intractable delusional insanity where an attack of carbuncles had brought about a cure, but, unfortunately, only a temporary one.

Dr. R. H. TAYLOR stressed the importance of following up the removal of septic foci by vaccines, so that more distant and inaccessible foci of infection might be reached.

The CHAIRMAN, in summing up, stressed the importance of a complete clinical examination of every patient, and that every effort should be made to restore the patient to a condition of sound bodily health.

On the motion of Dr. KEENE, seconded by Dr. MARTIN, a vote of thanks was passed to Dr. Leeper for his kind hospitality.

After the meeting the members were entertained to tea by Mrs. Leeper.

PATHOLOGICAL, BACTERIOLOGICAL AND BIOCHEMICAL SUBCOMMITTEE.

REQUEST FOR AUTOPSY MATERIAL.

Dr. Pickworth, Hollymoor, Northfield, Birmingham, would like to have sections, about 1 cm. thick, of formalin-fixed brains from early typical cases of dementia præcox, general paralysis and lethargic encephalitis. Also blocks of the skull containing the sphenoidal sinuses from cases of suicide, lethargic encephalitis and active mental disease, especially if associated with recent epilepsy.

Please state: Initials, age, duration of mental disorder, type of mental disorder, cause of death, and time between death and fixation of material.

Dr. B. H. Shaw, County Mental Hospital, Stafford, would like to have the parathyroid glands from cases of epilepsy.

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Books Added to the Library.

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Presented by Dr. W. Starkey :

Ficinus, Marsilius.—*De Vita*. With Menapius, Gulielmus Insulanus.—*De ratione victus salubris*. Basle, 1541.

Celsus, Aurel. Corn.—*De re medica*. With Samonicus, Quintus Serenus.—*De medicina præcepta*. And Fannius, Quint. Rhennius.—*De ponderibus*. The Hague, 1528.

Willis, Thom.—*Pathologiæ cerebri et nervosi generis specimen*. Amsterdam, 1670.

Presented by the Royal College of Physicians :

Catalogue of the Library.

Presented by Dr. Hamblin Smith :

Karpman, B.—*Case Studies in the Psychopathology of Crime*.

Presented by Dr. Kirkpatrick :

Kirkpatrick, T. P. C.—*History of the Care of the Insane in Ireland*. Dublin, 1931.

Presented by Dr. J. R. Whitwell :

Lommius, Jodocus.—*Observationum medicinalium libri tres*. Amsterdam, 1738.

Diemerbroeck, Isobrandus de.—*Anatome Corporis humani*. Leyden, 1679.

Tissot, Simon André.—*Essay on the Disorders of People of Fashion*. (Translated by F. B. Lee.) London, 1770.

Lavater, Ludovic.—*De spectris*. Leyden, 1659.

Presented by Dr. R. Leeper :

Photograph of letter (date April, 1735) from Dean Swift to the Recorder of the City of Dublin, stating his intention of founding St. Patrick's Hospital.

Presented by Miss E. L. Macaulay :

Macaulay, E. L.—*Text-book for Mental Nurses*. 1930.

Circulation of Journals.

The following journals are circulated from the Library :

American Journal of Psychiatry.

The Psychological Review.

Journal of Neurology and Psychopathology.

L'Encéphale.

International Journal of Psycho-Analysis.

Journal of Abnormal Psychology.

Mental Hygiene.

Journal of Nervous and Mental Diseases.
Revue Neurologique.
Archives of Neurology and Psychiatry.
Journal of Comparative Psychology.

"Sociorum Annales."

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NOTICES BY THE REGISTRAR.

Bronze Medal and Prize for 1933.

Dissertations for the Association's Bronze Medal and Prize must be delivered to the Registrar by April 30, 1934.

Divisional Prizes for 1933.

Papers certified as eligible for this competition must be forwarded to the Registrar not later than April 30, 1934.

Gaskell Medal and Prize.

The examination for the Gaskell Medal and Prize and the examination for the Certificate in Psychological Medicine will be held in May, 1934.

Applications for entry to each examination to be made to the Registrar, St. Andrew's Hospital, Northampton.

There is no fee for entrance to the Gaskell Prize Examination.

The entrance fee for the examination for the Certificate in Psychological Medicine is three guineas.

NOTICES BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY.

Deaths.

HENRY A. COTTON.

JULIANO MOREIRA.

LEONARD DIECKMANN HAMILTON BAUGH.

ARTHUR ELLISON.

HENRY JAMES MACKENZIE.

JOHN PATRICK.

PATRICK SHAW.

Appointments.

FIRTH, ARTHUR HARCUS, M.A., M.D., B.Ch.Edin., to be Medical Superintendent, Worcester County Mental Hospital, Barnsley Hall, Bromsgrove.

RODGER, KENNETH MANN, M.B., Ch.B.Glasg., D.P.M., to be Medical Superintendent, Mental Hospital, Bulawayo, Rhodesia.

Honours.

THE KING has granted Dr. ROBERT STEWART MILLER, M.D., Ch.B., late Egyptian Government Medical Service, Royal Licence and Authority to wear the Insignia of Commander of the Order of the Nile, conferred by the King of Egypt, on his retirement from the service of the Egyptian Government.