

or for a research of recognised interest. This function, which has been fulfilled so usefully by the Société pour l'Avancement des Sciences in relation to the physical sciences, must also be discharged by the new Institute in relation to mental science.

4. To encourage study and research with regard to such phenomena as may be considered of sufficient importance.

5. To organise lectures and courses of instruction upon the different branches of psychical science.

6. To organise, as far as means will allow, permanent laboratories, and a clinic where such researches as may be considered desirable will be pursued by certain of the members.

7. To publish the *Annales de l'Institut Psychique International de Paris*, which will comprise a summary of the work in which members of the Institute have taken part, and which may be of a character to contribute to the progress of the science.

This sketch of the aims of the organisation is but an outline, and will be subject to modification.

This programme was discussed at the Third Meeting of the Paris Congress of Psychology last August.

An account of the discussion is given in the *Journal of the International Psychical Institute*, which may be obtained at the offices of the Society, 28, Rue Serpente, Paris. The advisability of altering the title of the Institute from Psychical to Psychological was considered.

It is felt that the organisation has unavoidably been too purely French, and it is desired that psychologists of other countries should contribute their views with regard to the aims to be pursued in such an institute, and the methods to be followed.

The Committee will be glad to receive contributions on that question.

The first work undertaken by the Institute is the organisation of a course of lectures, in which various aspects of Psychology will be dealt with by Professor Duclaux, of the Pasteur Institute; Professeur Richet, Professor van Gehuchten, Doctor Vogt, Professor Boirac, Professor Tarde, Professor P. Geddes and others.

It has been proposed to organise an English branch, and Dr. Edridge-Green has consented to act as Secretary.

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#### OBITUARY.

##### PROFESSOR LANGE.

We regret to record the death of Professor Lange, of Copenhagen, on the 29th May last. Professor Lange's last work was reviewed at considerable length in this JOURNAL by Dr. Friis in the number for last January.

##### PROFESSOR KORSAKOFF.

By the death of Professor Korsakoff, at the early age of 46, our speciality has been deprived of one of its best and ablest members. He occupied the Chair of Clinical Psychiatry in the University of Moscow, and was the author of many contributions to the scientific literature of insanity. An appreciation of Dr. Korsakoff appeared in the JOURNAL for January, 1898, at the time of the Congress in Moscow, and his latest work on the pathological anatomy of idiocy was presented to the Congress in Paris in August last. We record his untimely death with great regret.

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#### NOTICES BY THE REGISTRAR.

##### *Examination for the Nursing Certificate.*

Fifty-seven candidates applied for admission to the November Examination for this certificate. Of this number 45 were successful, 11 failed to satisfy the examiners, and 1 withdrew. The following is a list of the successful candidates:

## DERBY COUNTY ASYLUM, MICKLEOVER.

Females: Annie Goddard, Louisa Green, May Hogerty, Dorothy Ann Newton, Alice Ellen Walker.

## KENT COUNTY ASYLUM, CHARTHAM.

Female: Frances Fancourt.

## KENT COUNTY ASYLUM, BARMING HEATH, MAIDSTONE.

Males: Ernest Charles Else, Joseph Minifie, George Skinner.

Females: Ellen Charity Wynn, Alice Bucknall, Ethel Jane Davis, Ada Selby, Jane Sherwood.

## BIRMINGHAM CITY ASYLUM, WINSON GREEN.

Male: Joseph Bird.

Females: Alice Blanche Barron, Annie Lindsay, Emma Lowe, Florence Mary Thompson, Daisy Marion Yarnall.

## REDLANDS, TONBRIDGE, KENT.

Female: Constance Margaret Gardner.

## THE RETREAT, YORK.

Females: Elizabeth Ann Dilworth, Mary Fisher.

## DISTRICT ASYLUM, INVERNESS.

Female: Margaret Catherine Macdonald.

## "JAMES MURRAY'S" ROYAL ASYLUM, PERTH.

Male: Alexander Storm Kethel.

Females: Annie Coutts, Maggie Chambers, Jane Welsh Guthrie, Margaret Ann Kellas.

## MAVISBANK ASYLUM, POLTON, MIDLOTHIAN.

Females: Agnes B. Hunt, Margaret F. Rutherford.

## ROYAL ASYLUM, DUNDEE.

Females: Elizabeth Ross Milne, Mary Fraser Todd, Annie Grant Wishart.

## DISTRICT ASYLUM, MULLINGAR.

Males: Thomas Byrne, John Fitzgibbon, William Maguire.

Females: Annie Dolan, Annie Kelly, Annie Molloy, Marcella Pointon.

## ST. PATRICK'S HOSPITAL, DUBLIN.

Females: Lizzie Foley, Annie Prewett.

## STEWART INSTITUTION, CHAPELIZOD, CO. DUBLIN.

Females: Margaret Emerson, Kate Kearns.

The following is a list of the questions which appeared on the paper:

1. Of what different parts is the skin composed? What does it contain, and what are its functions? 2. What are the signs of obstruction of the circulation, and to what is it most commonly due? 3. Describe briefly the process of digestion, and state the names and uses of the various parts concerned therein. 4. Name the symptoms specially noticeable in respiratory disease? 5. Explain the terms: hallucination, delusion, monomania, and dementia. 6. What do you understand by the emotions? Give examples of disturbance of the emotions which you may have noticed in insane patients. 7. Describe the method of performing artificial respiration. In what cases might its use be necessary? 8. State what precautions you would take in order to prevent the risk of injury to an epileptic patient; (1) during a fit, and (2) in the intervals between the attacks. 9. What information is obtained by taking the weight of patients? 10. If the clothing of a patient catches fire, what would you do?

## NEXT EXAMINATION FOR NURSING CERTIFICATE.

The next examination will be held on Monday, May 6th, 1901, and candidates are earnestly requested to send in their schedules, duly filled up, to the Registrar

of the Association not later than Monday, April 8th, 1901, as that will be the last day upon which, under the rules, applications for examination can be received.

**NOTE.**

As the names of some of the persons to whom the Nursing Certificate has been granted have been removed from the Register, employers are requested to refer to the Registrar, in order to ascertain if a particular name is still on the roll of the Association. In all inquiries the number of the certificate should be given.

**EXAMINATION FOR THE PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE.**

Dr. Arthur William Bligh Livesay, of H.M. Dockyard, Chatham, was successful in a special examination for the professional certificate of the Medico-Psychological Association.

The following is a list of the questions which appeared on the paper.

1. Give the symptoms, pathology, and treatment of alcoholic insanity. 2. Classify and describe the various stuporose states, and give their ætiology and treatment. 3. Discuss the influences of heredity on the origin, course, and termination of mental disorders. 4. Mention the various types of morbid impulse met with in the insane. 5. What symptoms, occurring during an acute attack of mania, would lead you to give an unfavourable prognosis as to recovery. 6. Enumerate the different types of idiocy and imbecility.

The next examination for the certificate in Psychological Medicine will be held in July, 1901.

The examination for the Gaskell Prize will take place at Bethlem Hospital, London, in the same month, and the examiners are authorised to award a *second prize in this competition* should one of the candidates attain such a standard as would justify them in doing so. Due notice of the exact dates will appear in the medical papers.

For further particulars respecting the various examinations of the Association apply to the Registrar, Dr. Benham, City Asylum, Fishponds, Bristol.

**PRIZE DISSERTATION.**

Although the subjects for the essay in competition for the Bronze Medal and Prize of the Association are not limited to the following, in accordance with custom the President suggests:

- (1) The influence of "stress" in the production of mental disease.
- (2) The value of electricity in the treatment of insanity.
- (3) The condition of the circulation—clinical and pathological—in various forms of mental disease.

The dissertation for the Association Medal and Prize of ten guineas must be delivered to the Registrar, Dr. Benham, City Asylum, Fishponds, Bristol, before May 30th, 1901, from whom all particulars may be obtained.

By the rules of the Association the Medal and Prize are awarded to the author (if the dissertation be of sufficient merit) being an Assistant Medical Officer of any lunatic asylum (public or private), or of any lunatic hospital in the United Kingdom. The author need not necessarily be a member of the Medico-Psychological Association.

**AFTER-CARE ASSOCIATION.**

The Archbishop of Canterbury will preside at the Annual Meeting of the After-care Association, to be held at Lambeth Palace Library on January 29th, 1901, at 2.30 p.m.

**NOTICES OF MEETINGS.**

*General Meeting.*—The next General Meeting will be held on February 14th, at Claybury Asylum.