

- (2) Pellagra and Allied Conditions.
 (a) Symptomatology.
 (b) Endocrinology.
 (c) Pathology.
 (d) Bacteriology.
Leader : Dr. G. A. WATSON.
- (3) The Accessory Sinuses. The Study of their Pathology, Bacteriology and Ætiological Relationship to Mental Disorder.
Leader : Dr. F. A. PICKWORTH, Director of the Joint Board of Research, City and University of Birmingham.
- (4) Biochemical Research into Liver Function.
Leader : Dr. R. L. MACKENZIE WALLIS.
- (5) The Bacteriology of the Intestine.
 (a) Aerobic Methods, in Particular the Study of the Coliform Group and their Relation to Insanity.
Leader : Dr. F. H. STEWART, Pathologist and Bacteriologist to Staffordshire Mental Hospital, Cheddleton.
 (b) Anaerobic Methods, especially the Study of the Diphtheroid and Leptothrix Group and their Relationship to Mental Disorders.
Leader : Dr. W. M. FORD-ROBERTSON, Pathologist and Bacteriologist to St. Andrew's Hospital, Northampton.

Members desiring to take part in these researches should communicate with the Honorary Secretary, Dr. W. M. FORD-ROBERTSON, St. Andrew's Hospital, Northampton.

APPOINTMENTS.

HANCOCK, ALLEN COULTER, M.C., M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., D.P.H., D.P.M., to be Medical Superintendent, Kent County Mental Hospital, Barming Heath, Maidstone.

NICOL, WILLIAM DREW, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., D.P.M., to be Deputy Medical Superintendent, Horton Mental Hospital, Epsom.

LORD, JOHN ROBERT, C.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.P.E., to be Lecturer on Clinical Psychiatry, London (Royal Free Hospital) School of Medicine for Women (University of London).

OBITUARY.

RICHARD BLACKWELL MITCHELL, M.D.Edin.,

Ordinary Member 1881-1914.

Dr. R. B. Mitchell died on June 18, 1928, at Edinburgh, where he had lived since his retirement from active work. Dr. Mitchell was a native of Orkney where he was born about seventy-three years ago. He studied medicine at the University of Edinburgh, and graduated M.B., C.M. in 1879. He obtained the M.D. degree with honours in 1885.

After leaving College in 1879 he spent some time as a ship's surgeon, visiting various foreign countries—a broadening experience particularly congenial to an Orcadian. He commenced his life's work as Assistant Physician in the Fife and Kinross District Asylum, from which he was promoted to a similar position in the Royal Asylum, Morningside, Edinburgh, under the late Sir Thomas Clouston.

In 1885 he was appointed Medical Superintendent of the Midlothian and Peebles Asylum, a post which he retained until his retirement nearly thirty years later. During this long period the institution was completely reorganized and largely rebuilt, and the land attached to it was extended from a few acres to an arable farm of several hundred acres. Similar changes are represented in the normal development of most Scottish mental hospitals, and it is not always easy to estimate the exact share taken by an individual superintendent in their promotion. It is certain, however, that without his active co-operation they could not have been successfully carried out.

As a young man Dr. Mitchell displayed both physical and mental abilities of a high order. He excelled in some forms of athletics, and he exhibited a mental culture which continued to be one of his characteristics throughout his life. Unfortunately his health came to be more or less continuously impaired as he grew older. This, together with a certain degree of deafness, tended to make him unduly shy and sensitive—a reaction which was apt to be misunderstood by casual acquaintances. To those who knew him more intimately he always remained a loyal friend, a sound thinker on many subjects and an interesting conversationalist.

He did not contribute to current psychiatric literature but devoted himself conscientiously to administrative duties. The manifold responsibilities involved in directing a mental hospital impose an unceasing strain upon the strongest and, considering the state of his health, Dr. Mitchell was wise in retiring at the earliest possible opportunity.

He has left behind him a widow and one daughter.

J. M.

NOTICES BY THE REGISTRAR.

EXAMINATIONS FOR THE NURSING CERTIFICATES, MAY, 1928.

List of Successful Candidates.

Those marked * passed "with distinction."

Mental Nursing.

Beds, Herts and Hunts (Three Counties).—Jean Annie Collan, Charles Thomas John Botting, George Forster, Cecil Frederick Field, Limbey Paul Poulter.

Berkshire.—Ethel Lydia Stevens, Iva Victoria Dodd.

Buckingham.—George White.

Cambridge.—Ellen Tyrrell, Annie Amelia Cutting, Brigid Mary Hopkins.

Cheshire, Chester.—Amy Vidler, Ethel Wright, Mary Rushby, Annie Jones, Martha Molyneux, Emily J. Jones, Edith Mary Archer, Margaret C. Sherritt, Florence Taylor.

Cheshire, Parkside.—Lizzie Hammersley, Gladys Horobin, Lilian Daisy Pitts, Annie Torrens, Maggie E. Keaney, Sam. Wrigley, Henry Dobson, Vincent Roberts.

Cornwall.—Violet Rose Wilton, Laura Jane Elenor Best.

Derbyshire.—Gladys Meachum, Walter Cutts, John Peach, Leonard Robinson.

Devon.—Florence Edna Northey, Georgina G. Lawrence, Kathleen May Hope, Rosalie Ivy Voak, Elsie Webber, Jessie Heale, Freda Marion Jackson, Violet M. Gummer, Winifred Alice Duguid, Lewis Henry Voaden.

Dorset.—Alice M. Prattley.

Durham.—Georgina Blakey, Agnes Wicham, John Icton, Ronald Chas. Mason.

Essex, Brentwood.—Norah Fallowfield, Arthur Reginald Elliott, Arthur Wm. Kettle, Herman H. Meteyard, Leonard Pepall, Harry Searle, Ernest R. Waller.

Essex, Severalls.—Margaret Joyce, Vera Frances Ehn, Jenny Adamson, Mary Huskisson, Jane Sendall, Agnes Judge, *Wilfred Norman Aylett, Alfred Claydon Bishop, John Ambrose Coburn, Leo William Foley, Stanley Hector Goodwin, Leonard Walter Hester, Frank Miller, Leonard Samuel Moss, Stanley Foster Mortimer, Arthur Nixon, William Thomas Parker, William Herbert Parker, Herbert P. Prosser, James Smith, George William Wilmerson, Benjamin B. Wright.

Glamorgan.—William J. Hopkins, John O. Lewis, John D. Davies, James Davies, Alfred Hugh Rees, Dorothy Elvins, Elizabeth Evans, Mabel Lewis, Olive Thomas, Jennet R. Jenkins, Catherine Daley, Mary Ann Jones, Gomer Davies, John Emlyn Jenkins, Thomas Charles Farmer, George Francis, David James Williams, Gwen Glatworthy, Ena Edmunds, Rachel May James, Lily Morgan, Veralie Pretoria Butler, Annie Sophia Roberts, Gwendolin May Tribe, Edith May Davies.

Gloucestershire.—Eunice Clara Foster, Doris Williams, Ellen May Pugh, Gladys Gertrude Bishop, Eva Maud Townsend, Charles Richard Davies, George Whitmore, Alfred Bishop, Fredk. John Sterry, Charles Henry Ridgway, Thomas William George Eyre, Fredk. Charles Jefferies, Charles James Claridge, Albert Fredk. Hall, William John Brown, Frederick Arthur Archer, Sidney Thos. Price, Mildred Ann Bennett, Florence Nightingale Dyson, Frances Hilda Apperley, Emily Adelaide Jones, Margaret Sinclair McKay, Elizabeth Nita Silcox, Henry George Humphris.

Hampshire, Knowle.—Clara May Gulliver.