### NOTES AND NEWS.

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Line, W.—Gestalt Psychology in Relation to Other Psychological Systems. Luh, C. H.—Avoidance of Repetitive Responses. Maier, N. R. F.—Reasoning and Learning. Middleton, W. C.—Psychopathology of George Fox. Muenzinger, K. F.—The Primary Factors in Learning. Park, D.—Freudian Influence on Academic Psychology.

Reiser, O. L.-Logic of Gestalt Psychology.

Smith, S.-The Schools of Psychology.

Thurstone, L. L.-Multiple Factor Analysis.

Warren, H. C.-In Defence of Some Discarded Concepts.

Weiss, A. P.-Solipsism in Psychology.

Wheeler, R. K., and others .- Errors in Recent Criticisms of Gestalt Psychology.

PROCEEDINGS, ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE.

Hart, B.-Psychology and Psychiatry.

Miller, E.-The Eidetic Image.

Strauss, E. B.-Principles Underlying Prognosis in Schizophrenia.

# OBITUARY.

# GEORGE HERBERT RAE GIBSON, D.S.O., M.D., F.R.C.P.EDIN.

The untimely end of Dr. George Gibson, whose death occurred suddenly on July 19, 1932, aroused feelings of sincere sorrow among his many friends and colleagues. The only son of Dr. George Gibson, the eminent heart specialist, he was born in Edinburgh on April 8, 1881. Receiving his general education at the Edinburgh Academy, he commenced his medical curriculum at the University of Edinburgh in October, 1900. His study was, however, broken by a period of active service in the South African War. Graduating M.B., Ch.B. in 1906, he served successively as House Physician and House Surgeon at the Royal Infirmary. He was admitted a Member of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh in 1908, and was raised to the Fellowship three years later.

After short periods of work and study in mental diseases at the Crichton Royal, Dumfries, the London County Council Asylum's Pathological Laboratory at Claybury, at Zurich and at Munich, he was appointed an Assistant Physician at the Royal Edinburgh Asylum in July, 1909, under the late Prof. G. M. Robertson. In July, 1910, he graduated M.D.Edinburgh with high commendation for his thesis on dementia præcox. Towards the end of 1910 he visited some of the principal post-graduate medical schools of the United States and Canada, and finally he settled in general practice at Vancouver, B.C., in the spring of 1911.

On the outbreak of the war in 1914 Dr. Gibson was appointed Medical Officer to the 7th Canadian Infantry, 1st British Columbia Regiment, with the rank of captain, and later became personal A.D.C. to the G.O.C., 1st Canadian Division. From May, 1916, to July, 1918, he was D.A.D.M.S. to this Division, when he became Second-in-Command of the 3rd Canadian Field Ambulance, and was present at every general engagement in which the Canadian Corps took part. In December, 1918, he was given command of the Canadian Convalescent Officers' Hospital at Matlock Bath. Some of his earlier war experiences are recorded in his Maple Leaves in Flanders. He was awarded the Croix de Guerre and the D.S.O.

On his demobilization in April, 1919, Gibson was appointed Commissioner of Medical Services to the Ministry of Pensions, Scottish Region, and in 1921 he became a Deputy Commissioner of the General Board of Control for Scotland.

The charm of Gibson's personality will long be remembered by those with whom he came in contact. He had a flair for friendship. His quiet equanimity and lively sense of humour seldom failed to soothe the ruffled feelings of others. In his capacity as Secretary of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, he maintained the dignity of office with rare distinction.

### T. H. G.

### NOTICES BY THE HONORARY LIBRARIAN.

The Library has now been reopened at 11, Chandos Street, W. 1. The Library is open to members between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Books are issued to borrowers between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., and between 2 and 4.30 p.m.; Saturdays, between 10 a.m. and 12 noon.

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The Hon. Librarian will endeavour to obtain, as far as possible, any books on psychiatry and allied subjects required by members.

The following are the conditions under which books may be borrowed :

I. Books shall be lent only to a member within the United Kingdom and the Irish Free State who is not in arrears with his subscription.

2. No member may borrow from the Library more than three volumes at one time.

3. Members are liable for cost of carriage on books sent by post, and are responsible for the books from the time they leave the Library until they are received back.

4. Books damaged or lost while in possession of a member will be repaired at his expense or must be replaced by him.

5. A member borrowing a book or periodical from the Library shall be required to sign and return to the Librarian a form of receipt for the same, which will be regarded as an acceptance of these Regulations.

6. A member shall be entitled to retain a book or periodical borrowed from the Library for a period of twenty-eight days, unless the book is required by another member, in which case it can be recalled by the Librarian at the expiration of fourteen days

7. In the event of a member failing to return any book or periodical within seven days after receiving notice from the Librarian (on the expiration of the period referred to in Rule 6), the Library Committee shall be at liberty to purchase another copy, the cost to be charged to such member, who shall not be allowed to borrow any other book until the sum thus expended be paid.

8. All communications should be addressed to "The Librarian, Royal Medico-Psychological Association, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W. 1 ".

# Books Added to the Library.

Presented by Cmdr. W. S. Bainbridge :

Report on Sixth International Congress of Military Medicine and Pharmacy (Psychoneuroses of War). 1931.

Presented by Dr. J. E. Nicole:

Rickman, J. Index Psycho-analyticus. 1893-1926. Stapleton, O. Last and First Men: A Story of the Near and Far Future. (Second edit.) 1931.

Zuckerman, S. The Social Life of Monkeys and Apes. 1932.

Nicole, J. E. Index of Books of Psychological, Psycho-pathological and Psychiatric Interest published since 1900.

Historical works presented by Dr. J. R. Whitwell (Hon. Librarian) :

Compendium Medicinæ Practicæ. Louvain, 1791. The English Physician. Nicholas Culpepper, London (n.d.).

Perfect, William. A Remarkable Case of Madness, and the Diet and Medicine used in its Cure. Rochester, 1791.

John J. Wepfer. Observationes medico-practicæ de affectibus capitis. Schaffhausen, 1727. Coelius Aurelianus. De morbis acutis et chronicis. Amsterdam, 1722.

Willis, Thomas. Cerebri Anatome. London, 1664.

### 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.

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# "Sociorum Annales."

The Hon. Librarian is prepared to receive and store the life records of any member wishing to deposit them, on the understanding that they are solely for the use and information of the Association. They should be sent in sealed packets (with the name clearly written on the outside) in covering envelopes addressed to the Hon. Librarian.

# 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, 1933.

# Divisional Prizes for 1933.

Papers certified as eligible for this competition must be forwarded to the Registrar not later than April 30, 1933.

#### Gaskell Medal and Prize.

The examination for the Gaskell Medal and Prize and the examination for the Certificate in Psychological Medicine will be held at the Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, London, S.E. 5, on Friday, May 26, and Saturday, May 27, 1933.

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.

CECIL F. BEADLES. GEORGE STEVENS POPE. JAMES HUMPHRY SKEEN.

#### Appointment.

N. H. M. BURKE, M.D., D.P.M., to be Medical Superintendent, Cell Barnes Colony for Mental Defectives, St. Albans.

[We regret that Dr. Burke's appointment was incorrectly described in our last issue.—EDS.] W. McC. HARROWES, M.D.Glasg., D.P.M., to be Medical Superintendent, New Saughton Hall, Polton, Midlothian.

# NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Quarterly Meeting.—Wednesday, February 22, 1933, at 11, Chandos Street, London, W. I. South-Western Division.—Spring Meeting at Bailbrook House, Bath, Date not yet fixed. Northern and Midland Division.—Spring Meeting at Stafford County Mental Hospital. Date not yet fixed.

Scottish Division.—Friday, February 17, 1933, at Woodilee Mental Hospital, Lenzie. Irish Division.—Thursday, April 6, 1933, at St. Patrick's Hospital, Dublin.