

Scotland.

CEREBRO-SPINAL FEVER.

THE Local Government Board has issued a circular to the local sanitary authorities calling their attention to the fact that cerebro-spinal fever has recently been somewhat extensively prevalent in Central Europe and in America. While the Board considers that there is no ground for the apprehension that the disease has newly extended to or developed in Scotland, it yet advises local authorities to be on the alert to detect the presence of the disease in their districts, or to satisfy themselves of its absence. The Board further transmits a copy of the memorandum on cerebro-spinal fever issued recently by the Local Government Board in England. This memorandum deals generally with the characteristic symptoms of the disease, and especially with its minor and anomalous manifestations. It is pointed out that, in the event of the discovery in any districts of groups of cases of illness that may be of the nature of cerebro-spinal fever, it would be important that the facts should be made the subject of a special report to the local authority by the Medical Officer of Health, and that a copy of such report should be forwarded to the Board. In the event of such an occurrence the Board would be prepared to render the local authority such advice or assistance as might appear to be necessary. In particular the Board would be prepared to approve of a resolution of the local authority extending the provisions of the Infectious Disease (Notification) Act, 1889, to cerebro-spinal fever for a limited period.

EDINBURGH ROYAL INFIRMARY.

At a meeting of the Managers of the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary on Monday, September 25th, the following minutes with reference to the retirement of Professor A. R. Simpson and Mr. G. A. Berry, the senior ophthalmic surgeon, were adopted:

"In taking leave of Professor A. R. Simpson, on his retirement from the staff of the Royal Infirmary, in consequence of his resignation of the Chair of Midwifery in the University, the Managers desire to record in their minutes, and convey to him the expression of their gratitude and their sincere thanks for the conscientious, untiring, and sympathetic way in which he has performed his duties during the long period of thirty-five years. They regret to lose the able services of one who has not only kept in the van of his science, but who has greatly aided its progress, and who, notwithstanding advancing years, yet maintains unabated his strength and zeal. They earnestly hope that, although now withdrawing from some of the more active duties of his calling, Professor Simpson may be spared for many years to continue the good work in other directions which it had ever been his aim and his pleasure to render on behalf of his fellow-men. In accepting Professor Simpson's resignation, the Managers, as a mark of their high appreciation of his services, and in order to preserve his connexion with the Royal Infirmary, have pleasure in appointing him one of the consulting physicians to the Gynaecological Department of the institution.

"The Managers regret that, in consequence of the expiry of his term of office, they must lose the services of Mr. George A. Berry as Senior Surgeon in the Eye Department. They desire to convey to him their sincere thanks for the able and untiring service which he has given the institution during the long period of twenty-three years. They are grateful that a man possessing a world-wide reputation, because of his ability in his special department of surgery, has devoted so much time to the gratuitous care of the afflicted poor. They hope that Mr. Berry's extensive knowledge, operative ability, and other talents may continue to receive that public confidence and recognition which they so richly deserve. In token of their esteem and of their appreciation of his work, the Managers appoint him one of the consulting surgeons to the Eye Department of the institution."

Dr. E. Scott Carmichael was elected Surgical Registrar for another year as from November 13th next. The following appointments were also made:

Clinical Tutors for the ensuing Winter and Summer Sessions: George Lyon, M.D. (winter session only), W. E. Carnegie Dickson, M.D., and Edwin Bramwell, M.D., to the University Medical wards; Alexander Goodall, M.D., to Dr. James's ward; W. T. Ritchie, M.D., to Dr. Gibson's ward; J. Harvey Pirrie, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., to Dr. Alexander Bruce's wards; W. J. Stuart, M.B., F.R.C.S. Edin., to Professor Annandale's wards; H. J. Thomson, M.D., to Mr. Cotterill's wards; John Struthers, F.R.C.S. Edin., to Mr. Cathcart's wards. Instructor in Anaesthesia: T. D. Luke, F.R.C.S. Edin., to Professor Annandale's wards. The follow-

ing were appointed for the ensuing six months as from October 1st: Resident Surgeons: Louis Fourie, M.B., Ch.B., to Professor Sir T. R. Fraser; Hugh R. Macintyre, M.B., Ch.B., to Professor Greenfield; A. D. McCallum, M.B., Ch.B., to Professor Wyllie; H. J. Stewart, M.B., Ch.B., to Dr. Andrew Smart; Norman S. Carmichael, M.B., Ch.B., to Dr. Alex. James; William W. Greer, M.B., Ch.B., to Dr. Bramwell; John Cunningham, M.B., Ch.B., to Dr. George A. Gibson; F. D. Crosthwaite, M.B., Ch.B., to Dr. Alex. Bruce; George D. Mathewson, M.B., Ch.B., to Dr. Barbour; J. G. B. Shand, M.B., Ch.B., to Professor Annandale; Archibald Oliver, M.B., Ch.B., to Professor Chiene, C.B.; W. L. Robertson, M.B., Ch.B., to Dr. MacGillivray; Andrew M'Kendrick, L.R.C.P. and S. Edin., to Dr. Berry Hart; Geoffrey Cowan, M.B., Ch.B., to Mr. Cotterill; and Archibald C. M'Master, M.B., Ch.B., to Mr. Cathcart. Non-Resident House-Surgeons: A. O. P. Reynolds, M.B., Ch.B., to Dr. Mackay; Wm. J. Fraser, M.B., Ch.B., to Dr. Sym; A. M. M'Intosh, M.B., Ch.B., etc., to Mr. Thomson. Clinical Assistants: Charles M'Neil, M.A., M.B., Ch.B., to Professor Sir T. R. Fraser; J. Z. H. Rousseau, M.B., Ch.B., to Professor Greenfield; E. A. Elder, M.A., B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., to Professor Wyllie; J. A. Cruickshank, M.B., Ch.B., to Dr. Bramwell; J. C. Dalmahoy Allan, M.B., Ch.B., to Dr. Gibson; John S. Mitchell, M.B., Ch.B., to Dr. Bruce; E. Simmers, M.B., Ch.B., to Mr. Cotterill; W. M. Hewetson, M.B., Ch.B., to Mr. Cathcart; A. W. Beveridge, M.B., Ch.B., to Dr. Mackay; Wm. Darling, M.B., Ch.B., to Dr. Philip (Ward 6); James J. Galbraith, M.D., to Dr. Philip (medical waiting-room); John L. Green, M.B., Ch.B., to Dr. Russell (observation ward); Hugh Jamieson, M.D., etc., to Dr. Russell (medical waiting-room); Arthur J. Brock, M.D., to Dr. Murdoch Brown (medical waiting-room); John M. Bowie, M.D., to Dr. Lovell Gulland (medical waiting-room); John Sullivan, M.B., Ch.B., to Dr. Braham Brown (medical waiting-room.)

THE EDINBURGH DISTRICT LUNACY BOARD.

The General Board of Lunacy for Scotland have had before them the plans for the proposed recreation hall at the new asylum at Bangour, estimated to cost £3,000 or more. It appeared to the Board that the proposed outlay was excessive, and that a building of more simple arrangements which would adequately fulfil its purpose could be erected at a cost considerably less. In reply the District Lunacy Board asked the General Board to explain how they proposed to reduce the cost of the recreation hall, and if a building of a less size would be sufficient, or if their objection was to any increase on the probable estimated cost of £3,000. The reply of the General Board is in these terms:

In reply to yours of the 5th instant I am directed to say, in reference to the plans of the recreation hall, that, in the opinion of the Board, the stage is far too large and elaborate in its equipment for any theatricals or concerts such as are usually given at asylums. The performers at such entertainments are few, and their requirements as to accommodation need not be on anything like the scale shown on the plans. A stage of half the depth—that is, from front to back—would suffice; the retiring rooms are too large, and private dressing rooms are far too numerous. The property room above, which must add largely to the cost of the hall, should be dispensed with, and a far more economical method of storing the small amount of scenery required for asylum theatricals can easily be found. If these views are given effect to the cost will be reduced and the adequacy of the hall for its purpose will be unimpaired.

Ireland.

THE BETTER EQUIPMENT OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE, BELFAST. *Generous Offer by Sir Donald Currie.*

SIR DONALD CURRIE has addressed a letter to the Rev. Dr. Hamilton, President of the Queen's College, Belfast, in which he recognizes the necessity of further extensive improvements to bring the College into line with the best schools, and most generously makes three offers as follows:

1. I am ready to give a contribution somewhat proportionate to the which others of your friends have given, if you think the whole scheme cannot be successfully carried out.
2. Or I am willing to offer to you £10,000, provided others will contribute to an equal extent.
3. In the hope that the whole scheme as sketched out by me can be successfully carried out, and that you can obtain from others an equal amount, I will give £20,000.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Better Equipment Fund was held in the College on September 22nd to consider the letter, and a vote of warm thanks was passed to Sir Donald for his most generous offer. Arrangements were made to appeal on behalf of the fund to the graduates and the general public to raise £20,000 before Christmas. Sir Donald, although born in Greenock, was the son of the late Mr. Currie of Belfast, and lived and was educated in Belfast till he was 15 years old. President Hamilton must be congratulated on the energy and perseverance with which he keeps the work of college improvement moving.