

Those of the final year who were successful in passing the recent examinations on mental diseases have received their diplomas.

In a competitive examination, held on March 21st at the Norwegian Hospital, Brooklyn, N.Y., out of a large number of candidates G. H. V. Hunter was successful in obtaining third place. He will join the staff of house surgeons on Jan. 1st, 1909, which position he will be entitled to hold for two years.

Exchanges.

IN the *St. John's College Magazine* from Winnipeg is an editorial dealing with the difficulty of financing the various college organizations and societies. This difficulty has raised the question as to whether or not a compulsory fee should be paid by every student for the support of these organizations. The college is not an institution merely for the acquirement of knowledge from textbooks, with the help of a learned staff; it is also for the development of character and body. For this purpose the lecture-room must be supplemented by the campus and rostrum, in fact, by a number of organizations and societies among the students. That this is a fact seems to be acknowledged by the fact that these college organizations are often advertised in the calendars as inducements to students in pursuit of an all-round education. But while the fees for tuition are stated very clearly in the calendars, those for the support of the supplementary parts of education are not mentioned at all; and they are collected with great difficulty. The result is that probably two-thirds of the students pay for the support of organizations from which the whole body of students receive benefit. "There can be no doubt that every student should support financially and otherwise every side of college life, and the only question is, 'How may he do so with the least inconvenience to himself and his institution—by a voluntary contribution taken from him in various small amounts or by a compulsory lump sum required from him by his college to be paid with his tuition fees?'" The latter method is strongly favored by the writer as being more satisfactory to both parties.

This plan is already followed at Queen's as regards Athletics and the Faculty societies, and might well be extended so as to apply to other interests, such as Debating, Music, and to the Journal.

We do not quite understand why *Vox Wesleyana* should include the following story in her Alumni column:

LATHER AND EVOLUTION.

An Irishman one day went into a barber shop to get shaved. After he was seated and the lather about half applied, the barber was called to an adjoining room where he was detained for some time. The barber had in the shop a pet monkey, which was continually imitating its master. As soon as the latter left the room the monkey grabbed the brush and proceeded to finish lathering the customer's face. After doing this he took a razor from its case