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[Lunacy in India.](#)Author(s) : [OVERBECK-WRIGHT, A. W.](#)Editors : [OVERBECK-WRIGHT, A. W.](#)Book : [Lunacy in India.](#) 1921 pp.x + 406 pp.

Abstract : Major Overbeck-Wright has succeeded in covering a great deal of ground in a comparatively short space in his book, " Lunacy in India."

The chapter dealing with the statistical side of the matter is interesting, in that it shows how little provision is apparently necessary for the institutional care of the insane in India. There is a total accommodation for 7, 243 out of a population of roughly 260 million people, which is ludicrous when judged by European standards. This is accounted for, however, by the fact that the native is so prejudiced against institutional treatment in cases of mental disorder, that only the more active and violent individuals are relinquished for

care, and that the degree of social complexity docs not necessitate the alier many of the feeble-minded as is the case in England.

The medico-legal aspect of the treatment of the mental case is dealt with ve and as this is the issue which is most prominent from the general practiti view, the book should prove very helpful to all medical men who have to ha mental case under the Indian Law. It is to be noted, however, that as the Inc on the English Lunacy Act, there arc not many divergences between the tw In a brief chapter the author considers the relationship of Western to Easte and he corroborates, from his long experience, the generally accepted view the ideational content or the colouring of the mental state varies with the pa surroundings of the patient, the general types of mental disorder arc the sa world over. Me describes the essentially Eastern condition of " Latah, " which is purely a special hysterical manifestation and the psychosis resulting from habit of taking *Cannabis indica*. There is also an interesting reference to, an explanation of, the curious prevalence of microcephalic imbecility in the Pun. Apart from the foregoing, the book may be regarded as a textbook of ment general, and in it Major Overbeck-Wright carries out his aims, as he avows i of drawing attention to the importance of toxaemias as aetiological factors in production of a large proportion of the cases, and of placing on record the v gained from his experience of 19 years at this special work. Such being the purpose of the book, it can be at once stated that, with all regard for the ler Overbeck-Wright's experience, and the value of the views he may have der insistence on the toxaemic factor and his indifference to the progress of ps knowledge detracts greatly from the worth this book might have had as a c modern psychiatric medicine.

Not a great number of years ago psychology was a barren science applicab laboratory and. belonging only to the professor or to the abstract philosop reference to the study of mental disorder, the clinical psychiatrist disregard being a medical man, he fell back on such explanations as were provided by his rationalization of cause and effect in mental disorder. This was the state the year 1906 when BRUCE produced his work, " Studies in Clinical Psychiatr mental conditions save those arising from exhaustion or from actual trauma nature were ascribed to some toxic influence of some kind or another. BRU as to say in his preface that only by divorcing psychiatry from psychology c progress be made; fortunately, however, and due primarily to the utter failu bacteriologist to throw any real light on the matter, psychology has become associated with the study of mental disorder. It is now generally recognized psychoses proper arc the manifestations of the failure of that most importa living matter, that of maintaining the adaptation to the environment, and this

to be ascribed to some adventitious toxæmia arising from the presence of from a disturbance of the metabolic activities, but to some much more deep defect in the biological structure. Thus, MOTT has recently completed a res goes definitely to show that the basis of the condition of Dementia Præcox the power of the cortical cell to absorb oxygen, and so to continue function Major Overbeck-Wright has derived his ideas from and has based his own k work of BRUCE referred to above; indeed, a comparison of the two books s views expressed are practically identical It is now the practice to regard the leucocytosis, on which BRUCE and Major Overbeck-Wright rely for their evid support their toxæmic theories, as an indication that the physical health of t requires careful attention lest the attempt to relieve the mental state be fru development of some fatal physical illness, Owing to the modern methods i the treatment of mental disorders, a more healthy existence is possible for that a leucocytosis is not so commonly observed as formerly.

In dealing with the mental states associated with nervous disease, the-bool sound and interesting, General Paralysis of the insane being regarded, for primarily nervous disease with secondary mental manifestations. Even here there is evidence of a failure to keep in touch with modern work, for, though definitely regards the condition as syphilitic in origin, yet he docs not include reference to the important fact of the finding of the *Spirochaeta pallida* in th brain of the General Paralytic by NOGUCHI in 1913.

In conclusion it is to be said that Major Overbeck-Wright has produced a we well-arranged book. He has stated his views dogmatically, admittedly a cour to do in these days, and they are views which will find favour in certain quar which, in the opinion of the reviewer, are not to be regarded as compatible understanding of the nature of mental disorder as it is regarded by the con modern psychiatric opinion. Thomas Beatón.

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