

The new Italian Journal of Mental Science.

We learn* with real pleasure of a new journal of mental science to be published in Milan, commencing with the present year (1864). This is but one of the many signs of vigorous life exhibited by the kingdom of Italy, now that it is released from its cruel bondage to a foreign power.

We have received a prospectus of the journal in question, which is to bear the title of 'Archivio Italiano, per Malattie Nervose e più Particolarmente per le Alienazioni Mentali,' and will be under the joint direction of Dr. A. Verga, Director of the Great Hospital at Milan, Dr. C. Castiglioni, medical director of the public asylum, and of Dr. S. Biffi, medical director of the private asylum at Milan. It is not, however, entirely new, but represents the transformation of the psychological appendix of the 'Gazette Medica Italiana-Lombardia,' into an independent publication. While watching the course of the study of nervous and mental diseases in other countries, the main object of the 'Archivio' will be to represent the contributions of the kingdom of Italy, and pathology is to hold an important place in a list of subjects, including anatomy, physiology, and hygiene. The editors, however, observe with becoming modesty, that the less they indulge in "grand promises and pompous announcements," the better shall they be able to serve the end they have in view. It is proposed to publish the journal every two months, or a smaller number every month, when occasion arises, and the year's contributions are to be collected into a volume with a suitable index. The publisher is Chinsi, No. 2, Via di San Vittore, e 40, Marteri, Milan, and the price is fixed at 2 frs. 50 cts. for each full-sized number, and half that sum for a smaller one, and at 12 frs. a year within, and 14 frs. 50 cts. beyond the bounds of the kingdom of Italy.

We as heartily wish all success and prosperity to this new Italian journal as we do to the kingdom of Italy itself; and may the conductors of the journal live to see the fair queen of the Adriatic joined to the Italian kingdom and Venice—once again free—working with them at the great and glorious aim of re-establishing Italy in her place of scientific eminence among the nations of Europe.

We send by book post a copy of this Journal to the editors, and shall hope to receive *by book-post* their numbers in exchange, addressed to Dr. Robertson, Hayward Heath, Sussex, England.

Appointment.

Thomas Bowerman Belgrave, M.R.S. Eng., L.A.C., to be Assistant Medical Officer to the Lincolnshire Lunatic Asylum, Bracebridge.

* We are indebted to our associate Dr. Bacon, late of the Norfolk County Asylum, now travelling in Italy, for this information.