

guished and original worker. His long connection with the asylums of Milan afforded him opportunities which he used skilfully and wisely. As Professor of Psychiatry and as President of the Lombard Institute of Science and Literature, his worth has been acknowledged in Italy; while his fame as an original and independent thinker secured his recognition by learned societies all over the civilised world. His work on "Hallucinations" received the prize of the Académie de Médecine de Paris, and his writings on "Criminality" anticipated many of Lombroso's ideas. Professor Verga long ago advocated the special care of insane criminals, and he strongly emphasised the propriety of dealing with habitual offenders as moral imbeciles. His lectures were attended by all sorts and conditions of medical men, and the loss of his interesting personality is a heavy blow to science.

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NOTICES.

THE PRIZE DISSERTATION.

The President has suggested the following subjects for the Bronze Medal and Prize of ten guineas, which is open to all Assistant Medical Officers of Asylums, but Candidates are at liberty to present an Essay on any other subject if they so desire:—

1. Testamentary Incapacity from a Medico-Psychological Standpoint.
2. What is the Influence—if any—of Alcoholic Intemperance as a Primary Cause of Insanity?
3. The Pathological Changes in the Blood Vessels of the Brain Cortex in Insanity.

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DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The next General Meeting will be held on Thursday, 20th February, 1896, probably at Cambridge, as Carlisle is to be the place of meeting of the British Medical Association in July, 1896.

The Spring Meeting of the South-Western Division will be held on the afternoon of Tuesday, 14th April, 1896, at Barnwood House, Gloucester.

The Spring Meeting of the Scottish Division will be held on Thursday, 12th March, 1896, at Glasgow.

The Spring Meeting of the Irish Division will be held in Dublin, in April, 1896.

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INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF PSYCHOLOGY.

The third Congress will be held at Munich from 4th to 7th August, 1896, under the presidency of Dr. Strumpf, of Berlin. The Committee includes the names of Professors Bain, Ferrier, Schäfer, Sedgwick, and Sully.

All psychologists and educated persons are invited to attend. The forms of application for membership can be obtained from the General Secretary, Dr. Shrenk-Notzig, München, Max-Josephstrasse 2, or from Professor Sully, East Heath Road, Hampstead. The subscription is 15 shillings.

The programme of work includes:—

- I. Psycho-physiology—A. Anatomy and Physiology; B. Psychophysics.
- II. Psychology of the Normal Individual.
- III. Psychopathology.
- IV. Comparative Psychology.

Psychologists intending to offer papers or addresses are requested to state the subject of their communications, and to send written abstracts of them to the General Secretary, at Munich, before 15th May, 1896.

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APPOINTMENTS.

MR. HARDINGE FRANK GIFFARD has been appointed Secretary to the Commissioners in Lunacy in the place of Mr. G. H. Urmsen, who has been appointed a Commissioner.

DR. D. NICOLSON has been appointed Lord Chancellor's Visitor in Lunacy, vice Dr. Lockhart Robertson, retired.