

the Psychological Society justify the expectation of a largely increased volume of work.

The scope of the new journal is limited to the publication of original articles and critical discussions on psychological problems. It is proposed to issue a volume of some 500 pages annually, in parts as may be found convenient, and the subscription is fixed at 15s. prepaid. The names of those who sign the prospectus are: W. McDougall, C. S. Myers, W. H. R. Rivers, A. F. Shand, and J. Ward, to whom communications should be addressed. They expect that the first part will be ready in October next, but in the meantime desire to know how many subscribers will aid in the scheme, and how many will join in a guarantee fund, which is necessary in order to induce the University Press to undertake the printing and publishing.

We trust that this new venture will command the support it deserves, especially among those whose work lies in asylums; for the investigation of normal psychology is a necessary preliminary to the elucidation of psychiatry—an inquiry too long neglected, and as yet only partially appreciated.

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*The Family Care of the Insane.*

At the International Congress, held at Antwerp last September, the proceedings of which were reported in the last number of this JOURNAL, it was resolved that the Congress of 1904 should be held in Edinburgh. A Scottish Committee was elected, and Sir John Sibbald is now arranging to convene a preliminary meeting. It is to be hoped that it will be fully attended by representatives of the various State-supported and charitable agencies for the relief of the poor, every variety of home help, and that measures will be adopted to secure the success of the Congress, which has aroused so great an interest and formulated such important propositions.

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*Where shall I send my Patient?*

The "Association of Medical Men receiving Resident Patients" has issued a *Guide for Medical Practitioners and a Book*

*of Reference to the Health Resorts and Institutions for Patients of Great Britain.* It is printed by Mr. E. J. Frampton, at Bournemouth, and sets forth the information indicated on the title-page at considerable length.

Beginning with a short *résumé* of the procedure in cases of insanity, a list of asylums is given, arranged according to the counties in which they are placed. Ireland is represented by three, and Scotland by one institution for the insane, so that the compilers' remark that the first issue is not so complete as was desired must be held as fully justified. They might consult the Medical Directory with advantage. Then comes a list of a few convalescent homes, institutions for the blind, and for the deaf and dumb. The compilers find room for a few remarks on ophthalmia neonatorum, and indicate that medical treatment is a preventative of blindness, thus guiding the medical practitioners of the country into safe ground. A list of medical men receiving resident patients, giving all particulars except the names, will be useful to those who have found it difficult to obtain such information otherwise. A number of hydropathic establishments and nursing institutions find a place in the book, and a chapter on health resorts gives a brief account of various localities from the medical point of view. Lastly, a list of selected hotels at health resorts has been inserted, which may be of service to those who possess neither Bradshaw nor Baedeker. We suggest that the hotels of the country should be left to advertise themselves, and that the space occupied by details of county asylums which can only receive the State-supported patients in their own districts, and by snippets of unnecessary medical commonplace, should be devoted to an extension of the information as to establishments where paying patients are received. The book has been well indexed, so that the contents are readily accessible.

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*An Australian Scandal.*

The *Lancet* of last year gave details of a great wrong committed in Melbourne, a wrong whereby our respected colleague, Dr. Beattie Smith, has been grossly injured. The result is that he is no longer in the service of the State of Victoria, but after