

necessary to express an opinion: that it is very natural in one who is learning a subject to overestimate what he has acquired, and to underestimate what others know, every one will readily allow. Doubtless, as he has not forbore to criticise other men and their works, Dr. Barclay will not object to what we aver to be honest, and hope to be competent, criticism of himself and his work. In a few words, then, we sum up our opinion of his book: so much quiet pretension with such a, we will not say schoolboy-like, but defective treatment of a great subject, seems to us to present a striking example, if not of a "medical error," certainly of a "fallacy" in a man's estimation of his own capacities and attainments. It is a disgrace to medical criticism that such a work should have escaped exposure.

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### PART III.—QUARTERLY REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF PSYCHOLOGICAL MEDICINE.

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*The first part of this Quarterly Report on FOREIGN PSYCHOLOGICAL LITERATURE is omitted, owing, we regret to say, to the indisposition of Dr. Arlidge.*

*We have every reason to believe that Dr. Arlidge will be enabled to resume in our next number (July) his Report on Foreign Psychological Literature. The subject of his next Report will be Recent French Psychology.*

*The Report on ENGLISH PSYCHOLOGICAL LITERATURE is likewise omitted, owing to the continued press of other matter.*

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### PART IV.—NOTES AND NEWS.

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#### *Circular by the Commissioners in Lunacy.*

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,  
19, WHITEHALL PLACE; 9th March, 1865.

SIR,—I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to request that in future, in the case of any notice of death from which it appears that no person was present at the time of death, there

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