

MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN AND
IRELAND.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The fifty-first Annual Meeting of the Association will be held on Thursday, July 21st, 1892, at The Retreat, York, in honour of the Centenary of the Foundation of this Institution, under the presidency of

ROBERT BAKER, M.D.

Council meet at 9.15 a.m.

General Meeting at 11 a.m.

Afternoon Meeting (President's Address) at 3 p.m.

Dr. YELLOWEES will propose a Resolution expressing the Association's appreciation of the great blessing conferred on the Insane through the foundation of the York Retreat a hundred years ago.

Luncheon provided by the Retreat Committee, at the Retreat, at 1.30 p.m.

Dinner will take place at the York Station Hotel, 7.30 p.m.

Friday, 22nd.—Train will start from York at 10.15 a.m. for Helmsley, where luncheon will be provided at the Black Swan Hotel.

Brakes will take Members to Rievaulx Abbey.

FLETCHER BRACH,

Hon. Sec.

Darent Asylum,

June 21, 1892.

INSANITY, ETC., IN THE NEW HEBRIDES

Dr. William Gunn, Medical Missionary, Fortuna, New Hebrides, in a letter about the Arithmetical Faculty in the Polynesians, which is reserved for later publication, makes the following observations:—"Insanity is pretty common amongst the natives. Some become insane for a little time and then recover. Sometimes they have fits of something like madness, which lasts only a night. It is an interesting fact that there is only one case among the natives of Areitzum, so far as I have been able to learn, since the Island became Christian, whereas before there were many cases. There are no idiots in Fortuna, but there are one or two who, though one could scarcely call them imbeciles, are rather inferior in intelligence to their neighbours. There are none in Arima or Areitzum. I have a photo of an idiot in Quongoa, who, although he has not a bad face, is rather idiot-looking. There are several cases of sexual malformation in Fortuna. One of these is usually called a woman, but has the body of a man, the face resembling something of both sexes. There is no beard. I have never examined the case. From accounts by the natives themselves this seems to be as near an approach to the fabulous hermaphrodite as there is in the human race." Dr. Gunn knows of two similar cases, which, however, are not so marked.