that is used in geometry. It is *that* sort of argument that I assert to proceed from known truths,[1] and it is *that* sort of argument that is always called deduction. Consequently, when Dr. Mercier says that deduction proceeds from hypotheses, I suppose it is of that sort of argument he is thinking. If it is not, then it is he who has departed from the usual nomenclature. If it is, then my disagreement with him amounts to far more than a mere change of names. And it should not have taxed Dr. Mercier's powers of penetration to have noticed this. But Dr. Mercier cannot hope to understand even so simple a thing as this until he has learned a more excellent way of scientific discussion. I do not know whether invective and repartee and easy sarcasm are useful instruments either in the study or in the practice of the alienist, but I am very sure that they are alike futile weapons and dangerous playthings for the serious student of logic.   JOHN BAILLIE.

Psychological Medicine : A Manual of Mental Diseases for Practitioners and Students. Second edition. By MAURICE CRAIG, M.A., M.D. Cantab., F.R.C.P.Lond. London : J. & A. Churchill, 1912. Pp. xii + 474.

We congratulate Dr. Craig on the appearance of the second edition of his *Psychological Medicine.* The first edition, which was published in 1905, has proved to be a valuable text-book for the use of students and practitioners, and has fulfilled the hopes of its author. In the present volume reference is made to the most important modern investigations and methods of treatment. The chapters on General Symptomatology, Epochal Insanities, General Paralysis of the Insane, Insanity and Physical Diseases and the Relationship of Insanity with Law are especially good ; the Pathology of General Paralysis is admirably illustrated. The work exhibits evidences of careful revision throughout, and the author has aimed at meeting the requirements of examination boards in psychiatry.

Part III.—Epitome.

Progress of Psychiatry in 1911.

SPAIN.

By DR. W. COROLEU.

The Commission appointed by the County Board or Barcelona to inquire into the administration of S. Bandilius Lunatic Asylum has issued its report. The sad condition of matters therein revealed is an ample justification of the demand which the public had made for an

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[1] It is a good exercise, both in elementary geometry and elementary logic, to show that " indirect proofs " do not really form an exception.