

by an Imperial decree in 1866, is to help those members who might be in distress, and to aid the widows and orphans of alienists. Since its foundation the presidents have been Baillarger, Blanche, Armand, Semelaigne and Meuriot; the treasurers have been Lunier and Mitevié (a great-nephew of Esquirol), Legrand du Saulle; the first secretary was succeeded by Brierre de Boismont, Mitivié and Bouchereau.

Bouchereau was frank, sincere and modest. Every one who came into contact with this kind and loyal gentleman rapidly formed a deep affection for him. His patients were so devotedly attached to the good doctor, that a palsied woman earnestly prayed to be carried into the death chamber to view his features once more.

Bouchereau entertained great friendship with the late Dr. Hack Tuke, who, during his holidays in 1893, was his guest at Montrichard.

It may be said of Bouchereau, as of Tuke, that he left a wide circle of sorrowing friends and no enemies.

RENÉ SEMELAIGNE.

NOTICES BY THE REGISTRAR.

CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY IN MENTAL NURSING.

The next examination will be held on Monday, the 7th day of May, 1900, and candidates are earnestly requested to send in their schedules, duly filled up, to the Registrar of the Association, not later than Monday, the 9th day of April, 1900, as this is the last day upon which, under the rules, applications for examination can be received.

CERTIFICATE IN PSYCHOLOGICAL MEDICINE.

The next examination will be held on July 19th, 1900.

The examination for the Gaskell prize will take place at Bethlem Hospital on the 20th of the same month.

THE PRIZE DISSERTATION.

Although the subjects for the essay in competition for the Bronze Medal of the Association are not limited to the following, in accordance with custom the President suggests—

1. Developmental general paralysis.
2. The surgical treatment of epilepsy and epileptiform seizures.
3. The effect of influenza on the production of states of mental unsoundness.

The dissertation for the Association and prize of Ten Guineas must be delivered to the Registrar, Dr. Benham, City of Bristol Asylum, before May 30th, 1900, from whom all particulars may be obtained.

By the rules of the Association the Medal and Prize are awarded to the author (if the Dissertation be of sufficient merit) being an Assistant Medical Officer of any Lunatic Asylum (public or private), or of any Lunatic Hospital in the United Kingdom. The author need not necessarily be a member of the Medico-Psychological Association. Due notice of the exact dates will appear in the medical papers. Further particulars respecting the various examinations of the Association may be obtained from the Registrar, Dr. Benham, City Asylum, Fishponds, Bristol.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

General Meeting.—The next General Meeting will be held on Thursday, 10th May, 1900, in the Rooms of the Association, 11, Chandos Street, W., at 4 p.m.

At this meeting the following papers will be read:

1. "The New Psychology," by H. Maudsley, M.D., F.R.C.P.Lond.

2. "Pupillary Anomalies in Paralysed and Non-paralysed Idiotic Children" (to be read in English), by Dr. Koenig, of Dalldorf Asylum, Berlin.

3. "The Arrangement of Nerve-fibres and Nerve-cells in the Cerebral Cortex of a Series of Idiots' Brains" (a demonstration by lantern photographs, microscopic specimens, and drawings to scale), by A. W. Campbell, M.D., Rainhill Asylum.

The sub-committee for the investigation and collection of evidence, and for practical suggestions as to the isolation of phthisical patients in asylums, will be appointed at the Council meeting.

South-Eastern Division.—The Spring Meeting of this division will be held at the City of London Asylum, near Dartford, on Wednesday, April 25th. Dr. White will read a paper upon "The Remodelling of an Old Asylum," and Dr. A. E. Patterson one upon "An Analysis of 1000 Admissions into the City of London Asylum since 1892." Luncheon will be provided at 1 p.m., and in the evening members will dine together at the Café Monico, Piccadilly Circus, W.

South-Western Division.—The Spring Meeting is to be held at Bailbrook House, Bath, on Tuesday, 24th April. Business Meeting at 3 p.m.

Northern Division.—The Spring Meeting will be held at Whittingham Asylum on the 18th April.

Scottish Division.—A Special Meeting will be held in Edinburgh, on Saturday, 2nd June, to consider the report by the Committee on the position of the nursing staffs in Scottish asylums in reference to administrative questions.

Irish Division.—The next meeting will be held on April 10th, at noon, in the College of Physicians, Dublin.

INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CONGRESS OF 1900.

The section of Psychiatry will meet from the 2nd till the 9th August. The names of the Committee of Organisation are—

MM. Magnan, President; Joffroy, Gilbert-Ballet, Pierret (Lyon) and Cullerre (La-Roche-sur-Yon), Vice-Presidents; Ritti (Charenton), Secretary; Bouchereau, Bourneville, Albert Carrier (Lyon), Christian (Charenton), Doutrebente (Blois), Jules Falret, Ch. Féré, Febvère (Ville-Evrard), P. Garnier, Giraud (Saint-Yon), Mairet (Montpellier), Meuriot, Motet, Parant (Toulouse), Régis (Bordeaux), Seglas, Taguet (Maison-Blanche), Vallon (Villejuif), Jules Voisin.

The section will meet at the Sorbonne, and will not deal with neurology. Arrangements will be made for the display of lantern slides.

The following subjects have been chosen for discussion, but separate papers will also be received:

1. *Mental Pathology.*—"Psychoses of Puberty." Introduced by Drs. Ziehen, Marro, and J. Voisin.

2. *Pathological Anatomy.*—"Idiocy." Introduced by Drs. Shuttleworth, Fletcher Beach, Mierzejewski, and Bourneville.

3. *Therapeutics.*—"Rest in Bed in the Treatment of Acute Insanity and the Modification of Arrangements which are Necessary in Asylums for the Insane." Introduced by Drs. Neisser, Korsakoff, and Jules Morel.

4. *Legal Medicine.*—"Sexual Perversions." Introduced by Drs. Krafft-Ebing, Morselli, and Paul Garnier.

A *résumé* of these papers will be sent to each member of the section on an early date. Other papers must be sent to Dr. Ant. Ritti, Maison nationale de Charenton, Saint Maurice, Seine, before 1st June. They must not have been presented to any Society or published before the opening of the Congress, and must not exceed fifteen minutes in delivery.

Regarding the special reductions on railway fares, etc., inquiries should be addressed Bureaux, 21, Rue de l'Ecole de Médecine, Paris. The subscription of 25 francs should be sent, together with full name and address, to Dr. Duflocq, 64, Rue Miromesnil, Paris.

Dr. Ritti, in sending the circular from which this information has been obtained for publication in the JOURNAL, in order to bring it prominently before our members, expresses the hope that they will attend the Congress in full strength. After a reference to that distinction which is to be drawn between the irresponsible

journalists of the Boulevards and the French Government, which has dealt with difficult questions with tact and decision, Dr. Ritti expresses the hope that the compatriots of Harvey, Hunter, and Lister will be well represented. He says, "We should consider our section of psychiatry incomplete without the disciples of Tuke, of Conolly, and of Bucknill, without those men of distinction who have cast a lustre on psychological medicine in Great Britain. We hope that Dr. Shuttleworth and Dr. Fletcher Beach will not come alone, but that they will be accompanied by a great number of their colleagues, communications from whom we shall gladly receive. I assure them that France will not fail in the duty of free and cordial hospitality. We shall be glad to have the opportunity of exchanging opinions on those scientific and professional questions which are the objects of our specialty."

We lay Dr. Ritti's kindly and cordial invitation before our colleagues with every confidence that it will meet with due appreciation and wide-spread acceptance. It is expected that the annual meeting of the Medico-Psychological Association will be arranged on dates which will permit of members proceeding to Paris in time for the Congress, as our President-Elect is to take a prominent part in the proceedings there.

APPOINTMENT.

George A. Rorie, M.B., Ch.B., appointed Senior Assistant Medical Officer at Cumberland and Westmoreland Asylum, in place of J. W. Leitch, M.B., M.A., resigned.