

## PRESENTATION TO PROFESSOR BENEDIKT.

A very large Committee, representative of Psychiatry in every quarter of the globe, combined to do honour to Professor Benedikt on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of his literary activity. On the 2nd of February last, at a meeting held in Professor Benedikt's house, his portrait in *alto rilievo* was presented with the best wishes of the subscribers. In the evening of the same day a banquet was held at the Grand Hotel, and the distinguished guest of the evening was received with all the honours. Professor Benedikt's many friends in this country (and where can he go without encountering friends?) will on this occasion join most heartily in congratulating him and in wishing him long and happy days in the interests of science and good fellowship.

## RESIGNATION OF DR. FLETCHER BEACH.

The resignation of the General Secretaryship by Dr. Fletcher Beach will be learned with regret by every member of the Association. This feeling will, without doubt, find full expression when the question of appointing his successor comes before the Association. In the meantime there arises the difficulty of finding a successor able and willing to undertake the responsible duties which Dr. Beach has so long and so successfully discharged.

## HACK TUKE MEMORIAL.

The following subscriptions have been received:—

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Dr. Nicolson ... ..	3	3	0
Dr. Langdon Down ... ..	1	1	0
Dr. J. Hutchinson ... ..	2	2	0
Dr. De Watteville ... ..	2	2	0
Dr. Batty Tuke ... ..	5	5	0
Dr. H. Sutherland ... ..	1	1	0
Tuke Mennell, Esq. ... ..	2	2	0
Dr. L. A. Weatherly ... ..	1	1	0
Dr. J. C. W. Cobbold ... ..	1	1	0
Dr. Mickle ... ..	3	3	0
Dr. H. Jackson ... ..	2	2	0
Dr. Needham ... ..	3	3	0
Dr. D. Ferrier ... ..	2	2	0
Sir B. W. Richardson ... ..	1	1	0
Sir F. Russell Reynolds ... ..	2	2	0
Dr. Régis ... ..	10		francs

## OBITUARY.

## LORD BLACKBURN.

The name of the late Lord Blackburn has few recollections of a medico-legal character associated with it. But his lordship once rendered a service to the science of medical jurisprudence which ought not to be forgotten. He was trying a woman on a charge of attempted murder. She clearly knew the difference of right from wrong and the character of her act, and if the judge had charged the jury according to the letter of the answers in McNaghten's case, she would inevitably have been convicted. But Lord Blackburn, to use his own language, "felt it impossible to say that she should be punished," and so he told the jury that while McNaghten's case supplied the general rule, there