

mental work to devote his energies to the ordinary clinical duties of an assistant at the University of Pavia. In 1848, however, he accepted the post (in succession to Verga) of assistant at the Casa privata dei Pazzi at San Celso, in Milan, and from that time he gave himself entirely to psychiatry. He became Director of San Celso in 1853, and henceforth took a leading part in all that concerned the advance of psychiatry, alike on the scientific and the practical sides. He advocated the establishment of chairs for instruction in mental disease, and was, with Verga, chiefly concerned in the formation of the Società Freniatica and in promoting the first Italian journals devoted to psychiatry. As a medico-legal expert his opinion was always very highly valued, and his reports are regarded as models of sobriety and good sense combined with wide scientific knowledge. He was much interested in criminological and penal questions, and one of his longest studies is a history of the ancient prisons of Milan. He also published a study of tuberculosis, being among the first to recognise its infectious character, and another study of cretinism. His death occurred on the 27th of May.

In an address to the Società Freniatica, Prof. Tamburini dwells on Biffi's amiable character. He was greatly loved by his patients, and took the warmest interest in them, an interest which by no means ceased when they were no longer under his care. He was ever ready to give help and advice, if necessary money also, to patients and students, in a quiet and unostentatious manner.

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#### NOTICES BY THE REGISTRAR.

The following gentlemen were successful at the examination for the Certificate in Psychological Medicine, held on July 13th, 1899.

Examined at Bethlem Hospital, London: Richard Michael Ralph.

Examined at the Royal Asylum, Morningside, Edinburgh: J. Forsyth Falconer, A. J. Martin, and H. J. Maclean.

The following is a list of the questions which appeared on the paper:

1. Give a brief description of the mental symptoms of a case of epileptic insanity, and their relation in point of time to the fits.
2. What are the forms of climacteric insanity? Detail the symptoms of each.
3. Mention the physical and mental symptoms most common in puerperal insanity.
4. State fully how you would treat a case of acute delirious mania.
5. What is meant by melancholia attonita? Mention the different points between it and acute primary dementia.
6. Give a short description of the symptoms, course, prognosis, and treatment of acute alcoholic insanity.
7. What hypnotics are most in use in the treatment of insanity? Mention the dose of each, and in what class of cases it is most serviceable.
8. Mention the points to be attended to in filling up a medical certificate of insanity for a patient's admission to an asylum.

The Bronze Medal has been awarded to F. G. Crookshank, M.D.Lond., Assistant Medical Officer, Northampton County Asylum.

#### EXAMINATION FOR THE CERTIFICATE IN PSYCHOLOGICAL MEDICINE.

The next examination will be held in December, 1899. Due notice of the date will appear in the medical papers.

#### EXAMINATION FOR THE NURSING CERTIFICATE.

The next examination for the Certificate of Proficiency in Nursing will be held on Monday, November 6th, 1899, and candidates are earnestly requested to send in their schedules, duly filled up, to the Registrar of the Association not later than Monday, October 2nd, as that will be the last day upon which, under the rules, applications for the examination can be received.

For further particulars respecting the various examinations of the Association, apply to the Registrar, Dr. Benham, City Asylum, Fishponds, Bristol.

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#### NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

##### MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

*General Meeting.*—The next General Meeting will be held in London on 9th November. The meeting will consider the question of Phthisis in Asylums.

*South-Western Division.*—The Autumn Meeting will be held at Digby's Asylum, near Exeter, on Tuesday, October 17th, 1899.

*Scottish Division.*—The Autumn Meeting will be held in Edinburgh on the third Thursday (16th) of November, to avoid the date of the General Meeting.

*Irish Division.*—The next Meeting will be held early in April, 1900, at the College of Physicians, Dublin.

#### INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CONGRESS OF 1900.

We have received notice of the Thirteenth International Medical Congress, which is to be held in Paris, 2nd till 9th August of next year. Reference may be made to the *Lancet* of 8th July last for full particulars, or to the General Secretary, Dr. Chauffard, 21, Rue St. Guillaume, Paris, for full particulars.

The Eleventh Section is devoted to Mental Diseases and Psychology. Dr. Magnus is the President and Dr. Ant. Ritti, at l'Asile de Charenton, Seine, is the Secretary. The first report, by Ziehen of Jena, Murri of Turin, and J. Voisin of Paris, will deal with the Psychosis of Puberty. G. E. Shuttleworth and Fletcher Beach of London, Mierzejewski of St. Petersburg, and Bournville of Paris, will report on the Pathological Anatomy of Idiocy. Clemens Neisser of Leubus, Korsakof of Moscow, and Morel of Mons will report on Rest in Bed for the Treatment of Acute Forms of Insanity, and the modifications this would entail in the organisation of asylums for the insane. Krafft-Ebing of Vienna, Morselli of Genoa, and Paul Garnier of Paris, report on Impulses due to Sexual Perversion from the Medico-legal Point of View.

#### INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF PSYCHOLOGY.

The Fourth Congress will be held in Paris, 20th till 25th August, 1900. The General Secretary is Dr. Pierre Janet, 21, Rue Barbet-de-Jouy, Paris, to whom inquiries may be addressed.

#### APPOINTMENTS.

Francis O. Simpson, L.R.C.P.Lond., M.R.C.S.Eng., appointed Senior Assistant Medical Officer to the County Asylum, Rainhill, near Liverpool.

W. St. John Skeen, M.B., C.M., appointed Medical Superintendent to the Durham County Asylum, *vice* Robert Smith, M.D., resigned.

#### E R R A T A.

- Page 627. West Riding Asylum, Wadsley, *for* Charles Edward Jackman *read* Charles *Edwin* Jackman. County Asylum, Aylesbury, Bucks, *for* Mary Jeffery *read* Mary *Jeffrey*.
- „ 628. County Asylum, Abergavenny, Monmouth, *for* Carrie Davies *read* Cassie Davies. County Asylum, Bridgend, Glamorgan, *for* Charlotte Elizabeth Evans *read* *Elisabeth Charlotte* Evans. County Asylum, Haywards Heath, Sussex, *for* Harry Lloyd Wiggleworth *read* Harry Lloyd *Wigglesworth*; *for* Mary Derbyshire *read* Mary *Darbyshire*.
- „ 629. London County Asylum, Claybury, Essex, *for* Emily Syton Jones *read* Emily *Eyton* Jones. County Asylum, Exminster, Devon, *for* Francis Annie Fisher *read* *Frances Annie* Fisher. London County Asylum, Banstead, Surrey, *for* Charles Fox *read* Charles *Day*. City Asylum, Bristol, *for* John O'Neill *read* John *O'Neil*.
- „ 630. Broadmoor Asylum, Wokingham, Berks, *for* Jane Ann Mathieson *read* Jane Ann *Mathieson*. Royal Asylum, Edinburgh, *for* Grace G. Keith *read* Grace G. *Reith*.
- „ 631. Royal Asylum, Aberdeen, *for* Iamentina Lindsay *read* *Jamentina* Lindsay. Fife District Asylum, Cupar, *for* Christina Balcanguall *read* Christina *Balcanguall*. Richmond Asylum, Dublin, *for* Andrew M'Mullen *read* Andrew *McMullen*.
- „ 630. *Omitted* Borough Asylum, Plymouth.—Females: Bessie Maud Mitchell, Rita Trevethan.