

to renew relations which had been broken off for five months. The motive for the assault was not proved. Probably some groundless ideas of jealousy entered his mind, and in fact originated in its morbid condition. A petition has been prepared and signed for presentation to the Secretary of State for the Home Department, for the purpose of obtaining a substantial mitigation of his punishment. Dr. Baker has addressed a letter to the "York Herald," in which he says "Gill had in July, 1882, attempted suicide, was depressed and sleepless, and was in such an unstable mental condition that we thought it necessary to engage the services of a young doctor to live with him and watch over him. We pleaded with him most earnestly to break off his connection with Mrs. Fox-Strangways, insisting that we thought it necessary for the maintenance of his mental stability that he should do so. A letter of piteous pleading was sent to the lady to ask her to help us by ceasing all correspondence with him. For a time he followed our advice, but then there came a time when Mrs. Fox-Strangways, disregarding our appeal, found out Gill's place of retirement, and soon had him again travelling the certain road to mental and moral ruin. Then came the sorrowful catastrophe—this poor, weak, deluded, semi-insane man stabs the woman who had lured him back again (after an absence of nearly six months) from his retreat at Harrogate, to her own house at Scarborough. Surely, bearing in mind his mental instability and the provocation he had received, the verdict of the jury was a just and righteous one. But when the judge passed sentence, his words were the personification of sternness; verily, others besides the medical witnesses, when they heard the terrible sentence of five years' penal servitude, went away exceedingly sorrowful. As a member of the priesthood of medicine, whose mission in life it is to attempt to minister to minds diseased, I ask, is it possible, in this enlightened nineteenth century, that this poor weak-minded man is to work out this hard sentence?"

We hope that Sir Wm. Harcourt, after inquiry into this painful case, will feel justified in advising Her Majesty to comply with the prayer of the memorialists.

#### MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting will be held at the Royal College of Physicians, Pall Mall East, London, on the 27th of July, 1883, under the presidency of Dr. Orange, at 10.30 o'clock. The Council will meet at 10.

H. RAYNER, Hon. Sec.

Hanwell, June 15, 1883.

#### BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING, LIVERPOOL, JULY 31ST, AUGUST 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD, 1883.

##### SECTION—PSYCHOLOGY.

<i>President</i> . . . . .	Thomas Lawes Rogers, M.D., Rainhill.
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	David Yellowlees, M.D., Glasgow.

The next annual meeting of the British Medical Association will be held at Liverpool, on Tuesday, July 31st, and the three following days. In the Section of Psychology, in addition to the usual papers, the following special subjects have been selected for discussion:—

- 1—The Employment of the Insane. Introduced by Dr. Yellowlees.
- 2—Bone Degeneration in the Insane. Introduced by Dr. J. Wigglesworth.
- 3—Cerebral Localization in relation to Psychological Medicine. Introduced by W. Bevan Lewis, L.R.C.P.
- 4—General Paralysis. Introduced (if time permit) by Dr. J. W. Mickle.