

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.

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#### 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.

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#### 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.

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#### 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.