

It is necessary that abstracts of all papers to be read in the Section should be sent to us before the 15th of July.

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N.B.—No Paper must occupy more than 15 minutes in reading, and subsequent speeches are limited to 10 minutes.

AFTER-CARE.

THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE AFTER-CARE OF POOR AND FRIENDLESS FEMALE
CONVALESCENTS ON LEAVING ASYLUMS FOR THE INSANE.

The Anniversary Meeting for 1883 will be held, by the kind permission of Lord Cottesloe, at 20, Eaton Place, on Thursday, 5th July, at Three p.m.

Rev. H. HAWKINS,
Chaplain's House, Colney Hatch, N.

Obituary.

M. LASÈGUE.

The distinguished Professor of Clinical Medicine in the *Faculté de Médecine*, in Paris, and Physician-in-Chief of the Insane Infirmary of the Prefecture of Police, died March 20th, 1883, aged 67. He was an honorary member of our Association. The memory of M. Lasègue must be fresh in the memory of all who were present at the Section for Mental Diseases of the International Congress in London two years ago. Everyone listened to his discourse on epilepsy with pleasure, whether his original views carried conviction with them or not. With few Frenchmen did the flexibility and beauty of their language appear to greater effect. His power of description, aided by rapid and effective sketches on the black-board, was unsurpassed, and those who had the pleasure of his acquaintance in Paris knew what an admirable clinical teacher he was. A dash of humour would again and again relieve and enliven his statement of scientific facts. On the occasion referred to it will be remembered that M. Lasègue, in mentioning incidentally the fact that the patient of whom he was speaking had nine children, laughingly exclaimed, "*Famille Anglaise!*" At the annual dinner of our Association, 1881, he responded to the toast proposed by the President, "Our Foreign Guests."

M. Lasègue was an accomplished physician in all departments of medicine, although especially distinguished in mental disorders, and was in 1870-71 President of the *Société-Médico-psychologique* of Paris, to which body M. Motet, who now worthily fills that office, thus expressed himself at the *séance* of the 9th April last. "From whatever side we study this truly remarkable man, we are struck with the perfection of the qualities by which he was distinguished. As Clinical Professor in the *Faculté de Médecine*, he conducted his teaching with the greatest care. His lessons which were not written, but which he had long studied, were models of able exposition. Full of facts and clever insight, they were for the student a sort of initiation to unknown and even unsuspected truths. For those who, more experienced, listened to the master, they were the long-sought solution of questions previously unsolved. Lasègue spoke and as he proceeded to formulate his idea, it was a revelation for him who was able and knew how to comprehend it. There was not a word, not a phrase, to which our previous thoughts did not respond and which did not state in terms of admirable precision the law of pathological conditions, glimpsed at before perhaps,