science, he was easily one of the most versatile members of the medical profession.

This versatility shows itself in his writings, which embrace the departments of history, biology, palæontology, criminology, forensic medicine, and neurology, including neuro-anatomy, neuro-physiology, neuro-pathology, and psychiatry.

His work will be judged by medical men chiefly on account of his contributions to the last-mentioned subjects. These contributions to medical sciences were very numerous, many containing original discoveries and new view-points. His published writings in these subjects alone numbered over two hundred. These embody many entirely new discoveries and original points of view that made the sciences of neurology and psychiatry distinctly the gainer.

In neuro-anatomy, his name will be perpetuated by his discoveries, and it will live as long as the science. He was also the first to introduce into America an adequate conception of the scope of a true psychiatrical science. Up to that time the study of mental disease in this country was based on an empirical foundation for the most part; the pathological basis of the subject was but imperfectly known or even studied in general. It was to his influence that the more serious study of the subject was taken up. It did not take long before his reputation became a national one, due in some measure to the fact that the trial of the assassin of President Garfield was then imminent. There was an almost universal cry for the sacrifice of the assassin, Guiteau. Spitzka, with a courage which was the result of a nature which could not tolerate falsehood, and convinced of the fact that the murder was the work of an insane man, did not hesitate to give his testimony to that effect. This event in his early life—he was at that time only twenty-nine years old—is mentioned, because it indicates the most dominant characteristic in his organisation, viz., the desire for truth, no matter what the consequences. One can imagine the courage he possessed, when one becomes acquainted with the fact that his life was threatened, that he received letters warning him that if he gave testimony to the effect that Guiteau was insane his own life would be sacrificed.

The great influence which he exercised in the field of psychiatry was best shown in his book, a *Manual of Insanity*, which went through two editions. The book embodied the study of all the large amount of pathological material which he had collected. Part of this had been previously used by him in the preparation of an essay, which had earned for him the W. and S. Tuke Prize, given through the British Medico-Psychological Association, and which had been open to international competition. This essay was entitled "The Somatic Ætiology of Insanity."—(Abstract from an appreciation by Dr. N. E. Brill before the New York Neurological Society, April 7th, 1914, *Journ. Nerv. and Ment. Dis.*, August, 1914).

NOTICES BY THE REGISTRAR.

Dates of Examinations.

Certificate in Psychological Medicine and Gaskell Prize.—July, 1915.

Nursing Certificate.

Preliminary examination . . . . Monday, May 3rd.
Final examination . . . . . Monday, May 10th.

Schedules for the Nursing Certificate examinations can be obtained from the Registrar and must be returned to him duly completed *not less than four weeks* prior to the date of examination.

Essays for the Bronze Medal should reach the Registrar on or before June 14th.

Papers for competition for Divisional Prizes should reach the Registrar on or before June 1st.

Full particulars of all examinations can be obtained from the Registrar, Dr. Alfred Miller, Hatton Asylum, Warwick.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

Quarterly Meeting, May 18th, 1915, London.

South-Eastern Division.—April 29th, 1915, Newlands House.

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South-Western Division.—April 22nd, 1915.
Northern and Midlands Division.—April , 1915, Harrogate.
Scottish Division.—March 19th, 1915.
Irish Division.—April 15th and July 1st, 1915.

APPOINTMENTS.

Bartlett, George Norton, M.B., B.S.Lond., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Medical Superintendent at the Exeter City Asylum.

Coombes, Perceval Charles, M.R.C.S., L. R.C.P.Lond., Medical Superintendent, Surrey County Asylum, Netherne.

Cormac, H. Dove, M.B., M.S.Madras, Medical Superintendent of the Cheshire County Asylum, Macclesfield.

Ferguson, J. J. Harrower, M.B., Ch.B.Edin., Medical Superintendent at Fife and Kinross Asylum, Springfield.

Lewis, Edward, L.R.C.P.&S.Edin., L.R.F.P.S.Glasg., Medical Officer under the Mental Deficiency Act to the Glamorganshire County Council.

Moon, G. B., L.R.C.P.&S.Edin., L.R.F.P.S.Glasg., Second Assistant Medical Officer at the Surrey County Asylum, Netherne.

Peachell, George Ernest, M.D., B.S.Lond., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., Medical Superintendent, Isle of Wight Asylum.

Rivers, William Gregory, M.B., Ch.B.Edin., Senior Medical Officer and Deputy Medical Superintendent to the Cornwall County Asylum, Bodmin.

Walford, Harold R. S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Second Medical Officer, Kent County Asylum, Barming, Maidstone.

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