of those who have adopted psycho-analysis as a therapeutic measure have provoked their critics to apply to it the term "subterranean psychology."

Dr. Leeper's paper on "Hereditary Insanity" is the result of special experience, and he brings a weighty indictment against the administration of the Poor Law in Ireland.

Several papers have appeared in recent numbers of this Journal on the prevention of insanity, and we are glad that this subject was discussed at the Annual Meeting. We agree with Dr. Leeper as to the necessity for special legislation, and at the same time we appreciate the difficulties which must attend the drafting of a bill on such an intricate subject. There are those who argue that the medical profession cannot yet give sufficiently definite answers to the questions which our legislators would feel bound to ask, and that therefore this subject is not ripe for legislation.

We must admit that our knowledge is far from complete, but much valuable work has been accomplished both in the investigation of the causation of insanity and in the treatment of those who are mentally defective; and we maintain that helpful measures could be enacted on the basis of our present information and experience. In this connection we welcome the optimistic view which our President expressed in the discussion on Dr. Leeper's paper.

The members of our Association, by disseminating the knowledge they have acquired, should be able to hasten legislation, and we earnestly hope that the urgent demand which this subject makes on our attention will stimulate us to more determined and vigorous action in the year upon which we have now entered.

Sir Thomas S. Clouston.

Sir Thomas S. Clouston has received an honour, which will give unalloyed satisfaction to every member of the Medico-Psychological Association, a satisfaction arising not only from their individual liking and admiration for a fellow-member, who has thoroughly deserved the honour, but from the knowledge that he is a typical representative of the highest and best development of alienist work.

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Sir Thomas S. Clouston has distinguished himself not only as a successful physician in a specialty necessitating generalised specialism, but as the highly successful administrator and developer of a most important institution. He has achieved a high reputation as a teacher in the Edinburgh University, while his scientific work and literary productions have placed him in the forefront of European alienists. On a smaller stage he has shown equal utility and energy in his devotion to the interests and welfare of the Medico-Psychological Association, and in this he has earned not only the gratitude but the esteem and affection of his fellow-workers.

The unbounded energy, the varied intellectual acquirements and the personal qualifications necessary to successful achievement in these widely differing areas of effort would have gained, long ere this, even more distinguished honours in almost any other department of public or social service.

That this inequality in the distribution of honours was in the way of being redressed, and that the present occasion was an evidence of this, would be satisfactory to believe.

Sir Thomas Clouston has so well earned his distinction on his personal merits that such a hope cannot be entertained, and no feelings of pride of specialty are mingled with our sincere and hearty congratulations. H. R.

Part II.—Reviews and Notices.

Unsoundness of Mind. By T. S. Clouston, M.D., L.L.D., F.R.S.E.

This is a quarto volume of thirty-seven chapters distributed over three hundred and fifty pages and dealing with an enormous number of subjects, including the anatomy, physiology, histology and pathology of the brain, psychology, the ætiology, classification, diagnosis and treatment of mental disease, education, mental hygiene and other kindred topics.

The author gives us to understand in the preface that the book is intended to educate the intelligent public in matters pertaining to mental disease, but one is inclined to consider the work as rather too comprehensive and too technical for such readers. Indeed, it would be rather a good initiation into psychiatry for the advanced medical student; and even asylum medical officers may pick up not a few crumbs of interesting information by its perusal. It is true that the work contains much that the general public ought to know respecting

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