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NOTES AND NEWS

THE first of the Jowett Lectures for 1904 was delivered by Dr. J. Ellis McTaggart, at the Passmore Edwards Settlement, London. We reprint the following account from the *London Times*: "There was a large at-

tendance, among those present being Mrs. Humphry Ward. Taking as the subject of his opening discourse 'An introduction to the study of philosophy,' the lecturer pointed out that there was no agreement about the conclusions of metaphysics, as the most eminent experts differ completely. The consequence of this was that no one had the right to accept any conclusion of metaphysics which he had not arrived at himself. The object of his lectures was to induce people to think for themselves on the subject of metaphysics. He did not wish to recommend his own views for acceptance, but to place before his audience the various conflicting views now entertained. He might define metaphysics as the systematic study of the ultimate nature of reality. Metaphysics and philosophy meant very much the same thing, except that philosophy also included ethics, which he might define as the systematic study of the ultimately desirable. Dealing with the difference between metaphysics and religion, he said that religion was not as metaphysics was, simply a system of knowledge. Religion was a form of, or at any rate included, emotion, and rested on a system of propositions which was usually called theology. But all propositions of theology dealt with metaphysical subjects; the whole field of theology was, in fact, nothing but the field of metaphysics. Speaking of the relation of metaphysics to science, he pointed out that science was the systematic study of the nature of reality, whereas metaphysics was the systematic study of the ultimate nature of reality. Metaphysics dealt with the general principles which were common to all sciences, but there were subjects dealt with in metaphysics which were not dealt with in science at all. As to the utility of the study of metaphysics, he pointed out that its utility was usually justified on the ground that it was helpful in a person's actions. He, however, did not think it gave much guidance in action in any direction, if at all. The practical utility of metaphysics rested not in its giving any guidance in action, but in the comfort it afforded in helping to give pleasure and avoid pain. As education advanced, so interest in the deeper and wider problems of the universe increased, and the desire to reflect became more widespread. At the conclusion of the lecture, on the motion of Mrs. Humphry Ward, a vote of thanks was passed to Professor Butcher for presiding."

WITH the present volume, *The Journal of Comparative Neurology* appears under the changed title of *The Journal of Comparative Neurology and Psychology*, with a corresponding enlargement of its scope, to include the publication of articles on the comparative physiology of the nervous system and on animal behavior, as well as purely morphological articles, whereby it is hoped to emphasize the intimate relation between the study of structure and the study of function, and to secure more cooperation among workers in these cognate fields than has obtained hitherto. The editorial board, as reorganized, consists of Dr. C. L. Herrick, Professor C. Judson Herrick, of Denison University, *Manager*, and Dr. Robert M. Yerkes, of Harvard University, associated with Dr. Oliver S. Strong, of Columbia University, and Professor Herbert S. Jennings, of the University of Pennsylvania, and assisted by a representative staff

of collaborators, including students of comparative and genetic psychology. The journal is to be issued bimonthly from Denison University, Granville, Ohio. We print an abstract of the March number on page 189.

THE editor of the *Königsberger Hartungsche Zeitung* has received from Mr. A. J. Balfour the following contribution to the jubilee number of that journal, issued in connection with the one-hundredth anniversary of the death of Kant: "Königsberg does well to keep alive every memory connected with the great man whose writings opened a new epoch in the development of philosophy. I am proud to think that, though Kant was a 'German of the Germans,' his ancestors were countrymen of my own, so that Scotland may have something more than a strictly philosophic interest in the perpetuation of his memory."

THE SOCIETY FOR PHILOSOPHICAL INQUIRY (Washington, D. C.) devoted its meeting of February 16 to the Kant Centennial. Papers were read by the President of the society, Professor J. Macbride Sterrett, on Neo-Kantianism; by Mr. Wm. M. Coleman on Kant's Political Doctrines; by Professor Edw. S. Steele on Kant's Logic, and by Rev. Dr. Frank Sewall on Kant's Transcendental Idealism.

THE Appunn wire forks, for the determination of the lower limit of audition, may now be obtained from E. Zimmermann, of Leipzig. A set of five forks (8, 20, 30, 40, 56 vs.) may be procured for Mk. 37.50; the separate forks for Mk. 7.50 each. Forks of any required number of vibrations can be furnished to order.

DOCTOR GEORGE R. MONTGOMERY, Lecturer in Philosophy in Yale, author of 'The Place of Values' (1903), translator of Leibniz's 'Metaphysics' (2d Ed., 1903), has accepted a call to the Professorship in Philosophy in Carleton College, Northfield, Minn. He will enter upon his duties in September.

DR. SHEPHERD IVORY FRANZ, of Dartmouth College, has accepted a research position as physiologist at the McLean Hospital for the Insane, at Waverly, Mass. He expects to continue his researches on the physiology of the brain, and to start work on the physiological conditions of insanity.

PROFESSOR KUNO FISCHER, of Heidelberg, will not retire, as has been announced, but offers this summer four lectures a week on 'The History of Modern Philosophy.'

PROFESSOR EUGENE W. LYMAN, of Carleton College, Northfield, Minn., has accepted a call to the chair of apologetics in a denominational college in Montreal.

DR. TH. ZIEHEN, of Halle, has been called to the chair of psychiatry at Berlin vacated by the death of Dr. F. Jolly.

DR. AUGUST DÖRING, titular professor of philosophy at Berlin, has celebrated his seventieth birthday.