

NOTES AND NEWS

"A JOINT session of the Aristotelian Society, the British Psychological Society, and the Mind Association was held on June 7 and 8 at University College, London, and Crosby Hall, Chelsea. The first meeting consisted of a symposium, 'Are Intensity Differences of Sensation Quantitative?' by Dr. C. S. Myers, Professor Dawes Hicks, Dr. H. J. Watt, and Dr. William Brown, under the chairmanship of Professor Spearman. Dr. Myers showed that the 'all or none' principle is obeyed by all kinds of reflexes and all kinds of sensibility. The type of reaction is therefore the correlate of quality of sensation and the difference of degree—moreness or lessness of the same reaction is the correlate of difference of intensity of sensation. The second and third meetings, presided over by the Hon. B. Russell, were devoted respectively to a discussion on memory and consciousness, opened by Dr. Robinson, and to a symposium, 'Can There be Anything Obscure or Implicit in a Mental State?' by Mr. H. Barker, Professor G. F. Stout, and Professor R. F. A. Hoerle. Dr. Robinson said that M. Bergson, in his 'Matter and Memory,' neglected the fact that memory was an assertion, and that he did not do justice to the function of meaning in remembering. Intuition and intelligence must be somehow inclusively related. A vigorous discussion revealed many criticisms opposing this anti-Bergsonian thesis. In the symposium Professor Stout maintained that within the field of consciousness, whether of mere sense experience or of thought, there are contents which are not separately discerned. The opposing point of view to this was due to a confusion resulting from the fact that the presence of implicit consciousness can only be ascertained by a process of analytic scrutiny rarely present in normal conscious life."—*Nature*.

THE Académie Française has awarded the Grand Prix Broquette Gonin, of the value of \$2,000, to Professor Grasset, of Montpellier. The prize is for "the author of a work, philosophic, political, or literary, which shall be judged to be of a nature to inspire the love of the true, the beautiful, and the good." Professor Grasset, who is known for his researches on the nervous system, is also the author of several works on questions of psychology, moral responsibility, and the philosophy of practical life.

DURING the leave of absence for the next academic year of Professor Wendell T. Bush, courses in philosophy will be given at Columbia University by Professor Norman Kemp Smith, of Princeton University, and Professor Harry Allen Overstreet, of the College of the City of New York. The Reverend Father Cornelius Clifford, Rector of St. Mary's, Whippany, New Jersey, will also be a non-resident lecturer during the first half-year, offering a course on Scholasticism.

PROFESSOR HENRI BERGSON delivered his inaugural address as president of the Society for Psychical Research on Wednesday, May 28, in the Æolian Hall, New Bond Street. M. Bergson took as his theme a study of the nature of the prejudices against the work and methods of the society.