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NOTES AND NEWS

WE reprint the following note from *Nature*: "The first German congress for experimental psychology was held in Giessen on April 18-21. About 130 persons accepted the invitation to attend the congress, including most of the prominent psychologists of Germany, besides physiologists, philosophers, alienists and teachers attached to various institutions, and about one hundred attended the sittings. Nearly fifty papers were read and discussed, and in order to get through this large programme the sittings were continued far into the evenings. There was an excellent exhibition of apparatus arranged by Doctor Sommer, the distinguished professor of psychiatry, who has done so much to apply the methods of experimental psychology to the investigation of mental diseases. Professor G. E. Müller, of Göttingen, so well known for his accurate investigations of the memory, presided over the sittings, and one of the most interesting features of the congress was his demonstration and exposition of a case of exceptionally good memory. The subject, who is an intelligent and well educated man, has, in addition to a remarkable memory, principally visual in type, a power of seizing very rapidly various arithmetical relations between groups of figures presented to him, and this combination of faculties enables him to excel all the achievements of Diamanti, Inaudi, and the other 'arithmetical prodigies' that have been investigated from time to time. It is proposed to institute a German association for experimental psychology for the organization of annual congresses and of cooperative research."

FOLLOWING the resignation of Professor Dewey from the headship of

the department of philosophy at the University of Chicago, to accept a chair of philosophy at Columbia University, a reorganization of the work at Chicago in philosophy and psychology will be made. The work in psychology will be organized under a distinct department, with Professor James R. Angell, professor of psychology, as head. Associated with him will be Doctor John B. Watson, as instructor, and courses in comparative psychology will also be offered by Professor Mead and in the psychology of religion by Doctor Ames, both of the department of philosophy. Professor James H. Tufts will be head of the department of philosophy, and Assistant Professor A. W. Moore has been promoted to an associate professorship in the department. Associate Professor Mead and Doctor Ames will continue with the department. Courses in Greek philosophy will be given by Professor Shorey, of the Greek department. The organization of the work in education, which has hitherto been connected with the department of philosophy, has not yet been fully determined upon.

THE Northwestern branch of the American Psychological Association held its semi-annual meeting at the University of Chicago, Saturday, May 7, with Professor A. W. Moore in the chair. The following papers were read: 'Image or Sensation?' by W. C. Gore; 'Report on Recent Neurological Work,' by H. H. Donaldson; 'An Illustration of Psychology as Metaphysical Method,' by S. F. MacLennan; 'Report of Experiments on the Relation between Sensations of Taste and Smell,' by Matilda Castro. After the reading and discussion of the papers the Association adjourned to the Quadrangle Club for dinner. Professors Scott, Tufts and Tawney were elected a Committee in Charge of the next meeting, which is to be held at Northwestern University, on the Saturday following Thanksgiving.

At a congregation of the University of Cambridge, England, on April 29, the report of the General Board of Studies recommending that the benefaction offered by Doctor Stanton, Ely Professor of Divinity, for the endowment of a lectureship in the philosophy of religion be gratefully accepted by the Senate, and that the vice-chancellor be authorized to express to Doctor Stanton the thanks of the University for his gift, was approved. Also the regulations for the appointment of a University lecturer in the philosophy of religion were adopted.

PROFESSOR WILLIAM TURNER, of St. Paul Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota, has been granted a year's leave of absence which he intends to spend in Europe for the purpose of securing material for a study of the beginnings of scholasticism.

PROFESSOR WILHELM HISS, professor of anatomy at Leipzig, died on May 1, at the age of seventy-two years.

It is announced that Professor George Trumbull Ladd has resigned his chair of philosophy at Yale University.