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NOTES AND NEWS

Subject of Discussion for the Joint Meeting of the American Philosophical and Psychological Associations

THE Subject of "The Standpoint and Method of Psychology" has been selected as the topic for the joint discussion of the American Psychological Association and the American Philosophical Association at its next meeting at New Haven. Professors Edward G. Spaulding and Howard C. Warren, of Princeton University, suggest the following formulation of the problem, which, it is hoped, will serve as a starting point for further formulations and discussions:

Data of Psychology.—Should psychology study unit-beings (selves, mind, consciousness), or inner states (e. g., sensations, feelings), or inner processes (e. g., sensibility, affectivity, association), or certain relations between unit-beings and their environment (e. g., reflexes, instincts), or several of these.

Method of Research.—Should the psychologist obtain his data mainly by self-study (introspection by himself and others), or by studying the motor reactions of organisms? If both methods be admitted, what is their relative importance?

Philosophy of Psychology.—Does a systematic psychology depend upon a specific world-view, or can it be developed, as are physics and biology, without a definite philosophical basis? In the latter case, do the results of empirical psychology compel us to adopt some specific philosophy?

Note.—The question of the nature of consciousness, sensation, introspection, etc., should be discussed only in its relation to the standpoint that is taken concerning the above positions. THE Reverend August Karl Reischauer, professor of philosophy in Meiji Gakuin, Tokyo, Japan, has recently given at New York University a series of lectures on "Buddhism's Challenge to Christianity in Japan." The subjects of the individual lectures were as follows: "Buddhist Origins"; "The Development of Primitive Buddhism into Mahayana Buddhism"; "Historical Development of Japanese Buddhism"; "The Buddhist Canon"; "The Japanese Sects and Their Chief Tenets"; "The Strength of Christianity in Japan."

AT Leland Stanford University, Professor Henry W. Stuart has been granted Sabbatical leave for the year 1913-14, Professor Sabine has been advanced to the rank of associate professor, and Professor Warner Fite, of Indiana University, will conduct courses in the department during the first semester.

THE Librairie Marcel Riviere announces the publication of a new magazine, *Revue des Sciences Psychologiques*, under the editorial guidance of MM. J. Tastevin and P.-L. Couchaud. The review will appear every three months, each number being composed of 90 pages.

A CONGRESS for esthetics and general philosophy of art (Kunstwissenschaft) is planned for October 7-9, 1913, in Berlin. Those who contemplate active participation are requested to write immediately to Professor Dessoir, Berlin W., Speyererstrasse, 9.

JAPANESE graduates of Harvard University have subscribed a fund of \$20,000 as the foundation for a lectureship in the department of philosophy to provide for the teaching of Japanese and other Oriental systems of philosophy.

THE International Association of Medical Psychology and Psychotherapy will hold its annual meeting at Vienna on September 18 and 19, immediately before the opening of the Congress of German Men of Science and Physicians.

DR. FREDERICK LYMAN WELLS, assistant in pathological psychology at the McLean Hospital, has been conducting a course of lectures and discussions on "Pathological Psychology" at Harvard University.

SIR OLIVER LODGE has been elected president of the British Association, in succession to the late Sir William White, for the meeting to be held in Birmingham next September.

PROFESSOR C. E. FERREE, of Bryn Mawr College, read a paper before the American Philosophical Society of Philadelphia on April 4, entitled, "The Problem of Lighting in Its Relation to the Eye."

THE French Academy of Moral and Political Science has elected M. Pierre Janet, professor of experimental psychology at the Collège de France, to the chair left vacant by the death of M. Fouillée.

PROFESSOR HARRY A. OVERSTREET, of the College of the City of New York, will give two courses in philosophy at the Summer Session of Columbia University.