

THE INTERNATIONAL CATALOGUE OF SCIENTIFIC LITERATURE.

All the arrangements for the international catalogue of scientific literature are now complete. The work of cataloguing has begun, and it is intended to include in the catalogue all the literature published after January 1st, 1901. The Royal Society will act as the publishers of the catalogue, and a code of instructions for the use of all those who are taking part in the preparation of the catalogue has been drawn up. The catalogue will be issued under the superintendence of an executive committee consisting of four delegates of the Royal Society—Sir Michael Foster, Professor A. W. Rücker, Professor H. E. Armstrong, and Dr. Ludwig Mond, and of the representatives of the four largest subscribers to the catalogue—France, Germany, Italy, and the United States.

Full details respecting the work and publication of the index could be obtained by writing to the Director of the Central Bureau of the Catalogue, Dr. H. Foster Morley, 34, 35, Southampton Street, Strand, London, W.C.

THE INTERNATIONAL PSYCHOLOGICAL INSTITUTE.

The English Branch is now being organised with Dr. Edridge-Green as Honorary Secretary. We trust that this important Institute will be widely and generously supported. The *Journal* is now fairly afloat, and promises well. Mr. O. Murray's letter in our last number shows that there is no connection between this Society and the Institute of Psychical Science which was referred to in the *JOURNAL* for October. Dr. Edridge-Green has sent us the subjoined circular letter:

"It has been proposed to form a branch for England of the International Psychological Institute.

"It is remarkable that the subject of experimental psychology has, until later years, been almost entirely neglected, as every scientific investigation must be modified by the personal peculiarities of the observer. An obvious example of this is to be found in a colour-blind person, by whom it is impossible to judge of the merits of colour in a picture, however striking they may be. So much has the subject been neglected that we are quite unable to answer even such a simple question as whether the power of a perceptive centre can be improved by long practice, or to what extent the perceptions vary at different periods of life! The immediate advantage to education of the knowledge of these facts is evident. All men assume (and only after demonstration recognise that it is not so) that the perceptions of others are similar to those experienced by themselves, and it is of very great importance to knowledge to ascertain the exact manner in which these perceptions differ.

"The Society will not be limited to the Medical Profession, as it has hoped that other scientific men in allied branches of knowledge will join, so that the investigation of any definite fact may be as thorough as possible, and that the subject may be viewed from every possible side.

"The chief object of the Society is to facilitate, in a purely scientific manner, the experimental study of psychology and of psychical phenomena, by the installation of laboratories, equipped with suitable apparatus (biometers, magnetometers, spectrosopes, registering instruments, photographic apparatus, etc.), and also by the creation of a periodical, which shall publish accounts of the experiments made in the laboratories, with their results, and the writings of collaborators interested in psychical studies.

"It might be added that this fascinating study can be pursued by any person in any place, as introspective experiments can always be carried out without the aid of elaborately equipped laboratories; but at the same time it will be obvious to anyone interested in the same that the establishment of those same laboratories, with their valuable scientific instruments at the disposal of all researchers, will accomplish much which would otherwise be impossible; while the value of the journal will be very great.

"Should you feel disposed to give your support to this Society, I should be glad to hear from you on the subject, and would forward you the *Journal* and all further particulars. The annual subscription is one guinea, and at present there