

PART IV.—NOTES AND NEWS.

Presentation of Dr. Conolly's Bust to the Royal College of Physicians.

At the April meeting of the Royal College of Physicians, Dr. Tuke attended, with Baron Mundy, M.D., and Dr. Maudsley, to formally present the bust of the late Dr. Conolly to the College in the name of the Medico-Psychological Association.

Mr. President and Fellows, said *Dr. Tuke*, it is my privilege with your kind permission to appear before you to-day, with Baron Mundy and Dr. Maudsley, as representatives of the Medico-Psychological Association, a society well-known to you, as including many Fellows and Members of your learned body, and which is especially proud of bearing on its list of honorary members, the beloved and respected name of Sir Thomas Watson.

At the last Meeting of our Association held in Edinburgh, the Bust of the late Dr. Conolly, of whom I will only say that he was while living the most esteemed of our members, was presented to us by our friend and associate, Baron Mundy. It was at this meeting proposed by me and seconded by Dr. Maudsley, who is, like myself, a son-in-law of Dr. Conolly, that this bust now, sir, at your right hand, should be offered for the acceptance of the President and Fellows of this College. This resolution was unanimously adopted, and I attend here in the unavoidable absence of our President, Mr. Commissioner Browne, whose official duties detain him in Scotland, to submit this resolution to the Comitia, and especially to introduce to you, sir, and to the Fellows present, the distinguished foreign physician, to whose great liberality and appreciation of the talent and philanthropy of Dr. Conolly we are indebted for this memorial of him, which we hope the President and Fellows of the College will honour the Medico-Psychological Association by accepting.

I may add, sir, that Baron Mundy is a talented physician, well known in his own country and in France, for his philanthropy and for the earnestness of his attempts to ameliorate the condition of the insane. During the last war, he gave his services to his country as a volunteer, and attained the rank which he now holds, of Staff-Surgeon Major in the Austrian Army.

Baron Mundy then said :—

Sir Thomas Watson and Gentlemen,—I was highly gratified at the acceptance of my humble present by my fellow associates, and likewise proud of the place proposed by the Medico-Psychological Association for it, subject to your kind assent. I feel myself greatly honoured in standing to-day before you as one of the delegates entrusted with the offer of this token. It is certainly neither here in this place, nor now, that I am permitted to eulogise a man who will live in the recollection of posterity. But allow me, before I retire, to allude on this occasion to a passage in your oration of last year, in which you, after the eloquent tribute paid to our lamented friend, censure, so justly and energetically, the system of torture practised before the time of Conolly even in your own country. You have been enjoying for almost a quarter of a century the work of the great man who is no more; and still your neighbours, close to your own shores, have yet, at the moment

I address you, two thousand unfortunate beings tied in strait-jackets; and the total number of insane on the continent confined in cells, fastened in beds, and strapped up in strait-jackets, amounts in 1867 to fifty thousand. It is for me, as a foreigner, a humiliation, and perhaps at the same time a proof of my professional courage, that I denounce these facts before so high an authority as yourself, and on so solemn an occasion as this of to-day. But my aim is only to impress on you the importance of your continuing to censure this barbarous practice; the more so, as your countrymen, induced by the man whose bust now stands before you, have proved that lunatics can be successfully treated otherwise; and thus you have conferred the greatest benefit on the unhappiest part of our fellow-creatures. "The monument which, after my death, I wish to be erected for me on the continent is the practice of non-restraint; and may this soon be a reality!" These words I frequently heard from the lips of a man to whom you so often listened with delight in this same room, and whose marble effigy we have now to beg you to accept and place here in perpetual remembrance of him.

Sir Thomas Watson, in reply, pronounced a touching and graceful eulogium upon the late Dr. Conolly in the following words:—

Baron Mundy and Dr. Tuke.—The Fellows of the College of Physicians, here in full Comitia assembled, authorise me, their President, to express to you, in their name and my own, our gratification and gratitude for the privilege which we owe to your concurrent liberality of possessing and of placing permanently within our walls the marble bust of one of our body, whose death we, like you, have but recently been deploring, and whose memory we, like you, desire to cherish and perpetuate—the late Dr. John Conolly. To you, Baron Mundy, we offer the tribute of our respect and admiration for your munificence in procuring so costly and graceful a memorial of your and our departed friend. And to you, Dr. Tuke, and to the Society represented by you—the Medico-Psychological Association, to whom the bust was in the first instance presented by Baron Mundy,—we have to tender our grateful acknowledgment for the honour you have done this College by resigning it into our keeping. And again, thanks are due from us to the Baron for his gracious and ready consent to that transference. Our sculptured treasures, gentlemen, are not numerous, but they are tolerably select. I do not scruple to say that the bust of Conolly is not unworthy of being associated here with those of Sydenham, of Mead, of Harvey, and, coming to men of his own time, of Matthew Baillie, of Halford, of William Babington. Like theirs, or some of theirs, his name will go down to a remote posterity, and be reckoned among those of the greatest and most noble benefactors to a very suffering portion of the human race that our profession and our country have ever produced.

*Dr. Maudsley on the Physiology and Pathology of the Mind.**

DR. MAUDSLEY has had the courage to undertake, and the skill to execute, what is, at least in English, an original enterprise. His book is a manual of mental science in all its parts, embracing all that is known in the existing state of physiology. There have indeed been more than one attempt to include something of physiological observation in the investigation of mental phenomena. Dr. Abercrombie, Professor Bain, and Mr. Herbert Spencer must have the credit which is due to those who have led the way in giving this

* 'The Physiology and Pathology of the Mind.' By Henry Maudsley, M.D. London: Macmillan and Co., 1867.