

It is suggested that the asylum trustees should cause the erection of an enduring monument to his memory in the form of a tower on the pinnacle of the mountain-side opposite the village of Battleboro', which has been secured by the asylum. We hope that this idea, which he himself desired to be carried out in his lifetime, will be effected now that he has passed away.

PROFESSOR VALDEMAR STEENBERG.

This well-known Danish alienist, the amiable and hospitable President of the Psychiatric Section at the International Congress in Copenhagen, 1884, died the 2nd of March. He was born in 1829, and had an extensive general medical education. As house-physician at the Communal Hospital in Copenhagen, he wrote his first essay on "Syphilitic Affection of the Brain" (1860). In this book, he, the first—as later on Heubner in Germany—pointed out the great importance of the arteriosclerotic changes of the cerebral vessels for the syphilitic encephalopathy. Later on the ætiology of the general paralysis of the insane attracted his highest interest, and he was one of the very first to become an almost fanatic champion for the nowadays so generally admitted theory of a syphilitic origin; and not only he himself defended this doctrine energetically, but he inspired several of his pupils (Jespersen, Rohmell, Jacobson*) to take up the cudgels. So early as in 1863 he was appointed the medical superintendent of the large Danish Asylum, St. Hans, a place he filled to his death, viz., more than 30 years. In this long period he was always a faithful, never-wearied partisan of modern liberal ideas relative to the treatment of lunatics, and he carried through a long series of enlargements and improvements of the asylum. His conduct towards his patients was almost ideal, and he was a thoroughly humane man, lenient and indulgent in his judgment, and benevolent towards all with whom he was connected. Rightly he was the object of a real worship on the part of the insane as well as the sane. His qualification for psychiatry and the development of the lunatic institutions in Denmark will never be forgotten.

PROFESSOR MEYNERT, VIENNA.

It is with great regret that we announce the death of Dr. Theodore Meynert, the distinguished head of the Psychiatric Clinic in the University of Vienna, which took place unexpectedly at his country house at Klosterneuberg on May 31st, at the age of 59. He had been in bad health for a long time, and during the last months of his life had been unable to discharge the duties of his chair. The immediate cause of his death was pneumonia. Professor Meynert's researches on the anatomy of the brain and his writings on medico-psychological subjects had made his name familiar to alienists and neurologists throughout the world. He was born at Dresden in 1833, and educated at Vienna, where he took the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1861. He was for several years demonstrator of anatomy under Hyrtl. He was appointed *Privat-docent* in 1865, and, turning his attention to the clinical study of insanity, soon won for himself a leading position in that department of medicine. Professor Meynert was President of the Psychiatric Association, Vice-President of the Vienna Medical Society, and a member of the Superior Sanitary Council of Austria. Only a few days before his death he had been elected a member of the Imperial Academy of Science of Vienna, and it was expected that he would have been chosen as Rector Magnificus of his university next year. In him the Vienna School loses one of its most conspicuous figures, and medical science one of its most zealous and most independent cultivators.—*British Medical Journal*, June 11, 1892.

* See "Journal of Mental Science," April, 1892.