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PREFACE

IN my long experience as Superintendent of Asylums and as Medical Inspector in Lunacy I have often had cause to notice the imperfections of lunatic asylums, being *asylums* for custody more than hospitals for scientific study and treatment of the insane. I called attention to this regrettable state in many of my publications, more particularly in *La Réforme des Asiles d'Aliénés*, in which I advocated greater facilities to be granted for the early admission of curable patients, for the appointment of expert alienists on the medical staff, for the establishment of pathological laboratories, and the appointment of an adequate number of educated and properly trained nurses. So long as we had no systematic investigation of the nature of insanity, no progress could be made in the recovery-rate of patients; but now, inasmuch as the scientific movement in psychiatry has spread, and we have more expert alienists conversant with psychology and the physiology and pathology of the brain, more

men animated by a true scientific and humanitarian spirit, eager to advance their science, better results are bound to follow.

Dr. Bernard Hollander belongs to this class of scientific explorers. He has devoted himself to the investigation of the localisation of mental functions in the brain, based on the clinical records and pathological observations published in the medical literature of the entire civilised world. He has imposed on himself an enormous work, requiring not only untiring industry but great expert knowledge, and he has given us in this book the practical results of his labours.

His book contains a vast amount of evidence on the material basis of our sensations, emotions, instincts, and higher mental attributes, and their morbid manifestations, of the utmost importance to the psychologist and physiologist, and most of all to the physician in the diagnosis of focal lesions; and many of the cases quoted by him of patients suffering from various psychical abnormalities, including some successful ones of his own, show the possibility of surgical operation for the cure of insanity in circumscribed brain disease.

It is my conviction that Dr. Bernard Hollander has contributed to psychiatric literature a masterpiece containing immense material for future

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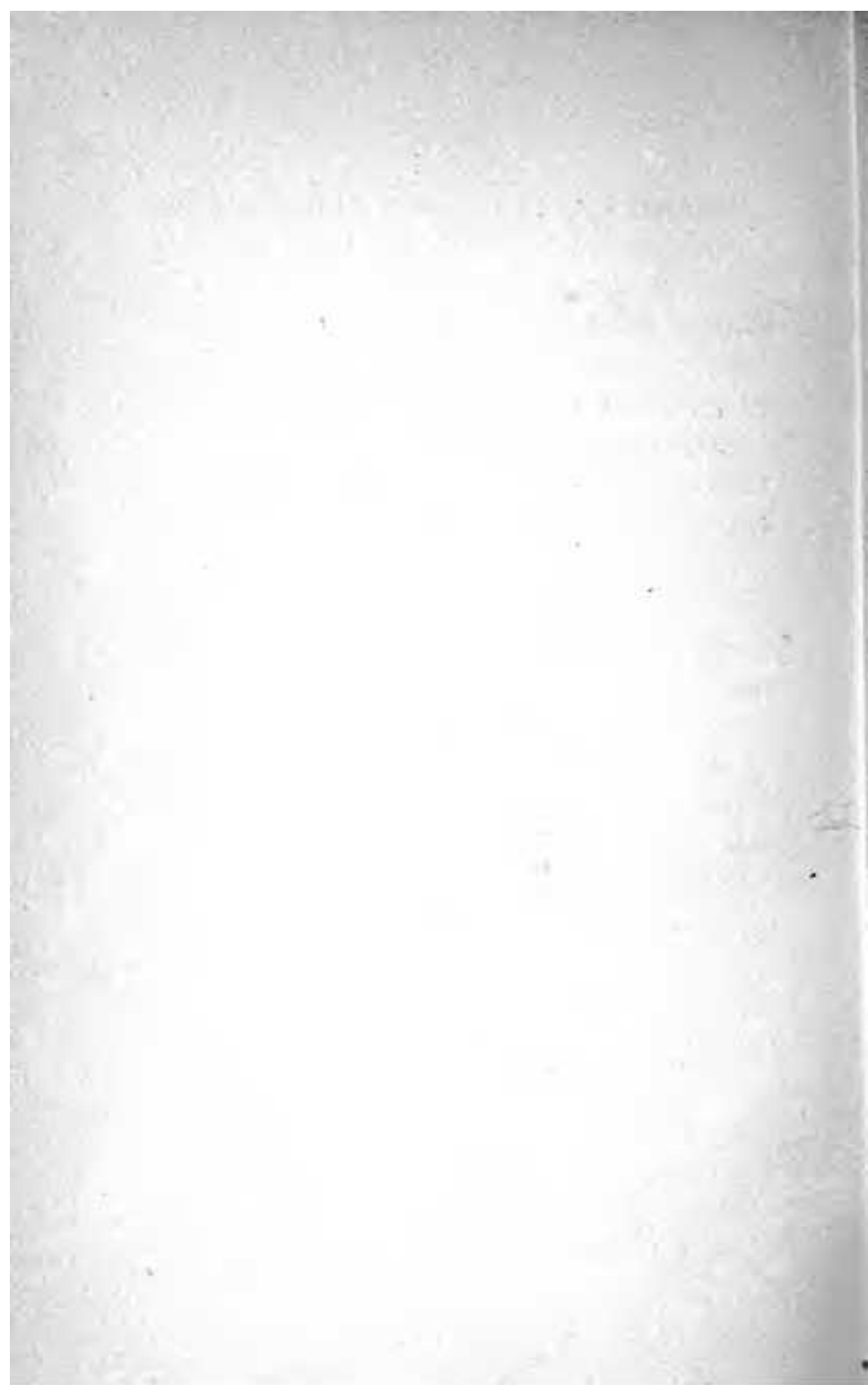
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research, and opening the way for the conquest of that much dreaded disease, insanity.

Although his views are confirmed by a legion of pathologists and physiologists, with the modesty of the true philosopher, he asks only for investigation and discussion, which, personally, I am sure will not fail to redound to his glory.

JUL. MOREL, M.D.

GHENT, *May* 1910.



INTRODUCTION

AMONG the many serious problems with which states and communities are confronted to-day, there is probably none that rivals in importance, whether viewed from a medical, social, economic, or philanthropic standpoint, the problem of the prevention and treatment of that most serious, most dangerous, most prevalent, and most far-reaching in effect of all diseases known to medical science—insanity. Yet as regards our knowledge of mental disorders and their successful curative treatment, it is generally acknowledged that until recent years very little progress has been made in this branch of medical science, the chief reason being that the initial stages of lunacy, unlike those of other diseases, rarely come to the notice of the physician, and that by the time a patient can be certified for medical care in an Institution for the Insane, the disease has in many cases already progressed so far as to make the methods of treatment that can be applied in the early stages no longer effective.