

is not just now prepared to deny that the wicked mind *in a certain sense* does what it pleases.

I am therefore, on the other hand, most heartily with Prof. Sidgwick in thinking that the choice of lives in the myth of Er gives no true indication of Plato's ideas of moral freedom, and in general I subscribe to his view that the myths should not be drawn into evidence on philosophical questions. It is also true, as he says, that even according to the myth the choice does not escape from necessity, being predetermined by previous conduct. The contrast between the account of this choice in the myth, and the passage concerning freedom and slavery, *Republic* 577, has always seemed to me a leading instance of the gulf between the semi-sensuous imagination and the philosophic intelligence. In Plato's true ethics the opposite to freedom is *δουλεία* not *ἀνάγκη*.

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THE ARISTOTELIAN SOCIETY FOR THE SYSTEMATIC STUDY OF PHILOSOPHY.—At the meeting of December 14, the President brought before the Society Professor Siebeck's *De doctrina Idearum qualis est in Platonis Philebo*, bringing it into connexion with the questions which arose, at the previous meeting, out of Mr. Ritchie's paper on the *Phædo*. At the first meeting in the new year, Jan. 11, the examination of Kant's *Critick of Practical Reason* was resumed by Mr. H. W. Carr (V.P.), in a paper on the "Analytic," cc. 1, 2. On Jan. 25, a paper by Mr. S. Alexander on *Hegel's Conception of Nature* was read, and gave rise to a lively and prolonged discussion, in which Prof. Bain and Mr. G. J. Romanes took part. Feb. 8, Mr. E. P. Scrymgeour (V.P.) read a paper on *Cause and Personality*, which also gave rise to an animated discussion. Feb. 22, the President brought before the notice of the meeting some of the more important passages in Book i. of T. H. Green's *Prolegomena to Ethics*, together with some *marginalia* of his own. The passages were first read, with the comments, and were then discussed severally, and compared with each other, and with the theory of which they formed part.

An "American Society for Psychical Research" has been founded at Boston, on the same general lines as the English one, and has issued the first Number of its *Proceedings* (July, 1885). Prof. S. Newcomb of Washington is President, and Prof. G. Stanley Hall a Vice-president.

The sittings of the Paris Society of Physiological Psychology (whose transactions now fill so large a part of the *Revue Philosophique*) are henceforth open to the public. They are held on the last Monday of each month, at 8.30 P.M., in the rooms of the Society, 3 Rue de l'Abbaye.

Ph. Mainländer's *Philosophie der Erlösung*, originally published in 1876 (2nd ed. 1879), has just been completed by the issue of the last (5th) part of a second volume of *Zwölf philosophische Essays* that has gone on appearing in parts since 1882 (Frankfurt a. M.: C. Koenitzer). A short *Lebensskizze* of the author, from the hand of his sister, will follow after some months. Mainländer, the most thoroughgoing of all pessimists, died young, before his first volume saw the light. Some account of his work will be given later on. Prof. Wundt gave a general indication of the character of his doctrine in *MIND* as far back as 1877 (Vol. ii. 510).

The Italian philosophical journal, *Filosofia delle Scuole Italiane*, founded sixteen years ago by the deceased Count Mamiani, is now, under his successor in the editorship, Prof. L. Ferri, transformed into *Rivista Italiana*

*di Filosofia*, and appears in a highly improved material guise. Being no longer the only philosophical journal in Italy, it will, without abandoning its traditional character, aim more expressly "at moving with independence upon the ground of free inquiry and of criticism of knowledge". At the same time, the *Rivista di Filosofia Scientifica*, now in its fifth year, is changed from a bi-monthly of 128 pp. into a monthly of 64 pp.; the director, Prof. E. Morselli, having now Sig. E. Tanzi associated with him as acting editor.

Different French publishers are contending with each other in the issue of students' texts of the philosophical works now prescribed, by decree of January 1885, for use in *lycées*. Among those which have thus far appeared, special mention may be made of M. F. Picavet's edition of Part i. of Condillac's *Traité des Sensations* (Ch. Delagrave). M. Picavet has given, to the length of pp. cxxxii., an account and appreciation of Condillac's life and works which is very noteworthy, and also promises the results of a more extended research on the history of French Sensationalism. It is interesting to observe that the prescription of Condillac is due to M. Paul Janet, though why it should stop short at Part. i., which is limited to "the senses which, of themselves, do not judge of external objects," is not explained.

Prof. Ernst Laas of Strassburg, author of *Kant's Analogien der Erfahrung* (MIND, Vol. ii. 133) and other works, has just died, at the age of 48.

Prof. J. G. Schurman of Dalhousie College, Halifax, N.S., has been appointed to a newly founded and well-endowed chair of Ethics and Philosophy in Cornell University, N.Y.

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