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The courses of the present year, now under way, present several new features. To the larger elementary course, containing some 225 students, a smaller elementary course, given by one instructor only, instead of by three in succession, has been added. The new course is given at the same hours as the other, and is specially intended for men who prefer a more systematically historical introduction to philosophy, instead of the broader and more varied outlook, and the necessarily greater variety of methods of work, which the combined labor of three instructors insures, in the older course. The new course contains about 75 men. Amongst the courses "for Graduates and Undergraduates," the course in German Philosophy, given by Professor Münsterberg and Dr. Bierwirth in combination, promised at the opening of the term to be one of the most important features of the year. But the sudden and severe illness of Dr. Bierwirth has not only lost to the University, for what, as one may hope, will be a brief time, the services of a very devoted officer, but has made necessary the suspension of this course, to the great regret of all concerned. Otherwise, the new work of the year opens in promising fashion. The courses in Ethics and Cosmology are large and prosperous. The graduates are fairly numerous, and prove this year to be encouragingly well-equipped for advanced work. Professor James's Seminary for the psychological study of the various forms of Mental Disorder is largely attended, not only by men who are doing work in the Psychological Laboratory, but also by graduates who, as general students of philosophy, as theological students, or as men who otherwise intend to deal professionally with human nature, will have need to know, through careful study, something of the phenomena of psychical eccentricity and disease. Not only books, but, to a certain extent, actual cases of mental disorder, will furnish the material for study in this Seminary, although, of course, the work done has to be mainly founded upon reading the literature of the subject. Such topics as the psychological aspects of religious

enthusiasm, of genius, and of great historical excitements such as the witchcraft persecutions, form some of the special topics which have been assigned to individual members of this Seminary. The new course on the History of Psychology is attended by a small but tolerably well-prepared company of men. The "Metaphysical Seminary," whose general topic is the development of Hegel's System, is studying several special historical topics, assigned to individual members, and intended, in combination, to throw light on the general questions involved. This method, as will be seen, is common to all of our Seminary work.

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