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Scottish philosopher and psychologist who first used the term "trial and error." A professor of logic at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland, from 1860 until 1880, Bain advanced the study of psychology as a science by asserting the link between mental association and physiological processes. Bain authored the first psychology textbooks written in English, *The Senses and the Intellect* (1859) and *The Emotions and the Will* (1859), and founded the first psychological journal, *Mind* (1876).