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The present volume has several peculiarities which can best be described by quoting from the author's preface. "From most other text-books it differs in three particulars: First, in the exclusion of matter relating to compounds, which at present are only of interest to the scientific chemist, whose aims have no special relation to medicine and pharmacy; secondly, in containing more or less of the chemistry of every substance recognized officially or in general practice as a remedial agent; thirdly, in the paragraphs being so cast that the volume may be used as a guide in studying the science experimentally."

Another noteworthy feature is that the chemical theories and hypotheses, instead of being treated one after another at the beginning of the book, are taken up in the body as an example is cited. This the authors considers a great advantage to the beginner in getting a complete mastery of their subject matter.

Scattered throughout the work are many valuable tables for analysis and comparison; at the end of each chapter is a small series of questions. One chapter is devoted to the examination of morbid urine and calculi, and is very good as far as it goes.

Its immense index containing some 10,000 references makes the work a veritable dictionary and of great service in emergencies.

Nervous and Mental Diseases. By Archibald Church, M.D., Professor of Clinical Neurology and of Mental Diseases and Medical Jurisprudence in the Northwestern University Medical School (The Chicago Medical College), Chicago; Professor of Neurology in the Chicago Polyclinic, etc.; and Frederick Peterson, M.D., Clinical Professor of Mental Diseases in the Woman's Medical College, New York; Chief of Clinic, Nervous Department College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, with 305 illustrations. W. B. Saunders, 925 Walnut street, Philadelphia, 1899. Price, cloth, \$5; half morocco, \$6. Canadian agents, J. A. Carveth & Co., Toronto, Ont.

Books on diseases of the nervous system are almost as numerous as those on medical diagnosis, testifying to the great interest which neurology has aroused and the numerous workers in this special field of medicine. The present volume has been written specially for the use of medical students and general practitioners, Dr. Church contributing the portion on diseases of the nervous system and Dr. Peterson that of Psychiatry. Part I. is devoted to the consideration of the diagnosis of nervous diseases, including the examination of the patient in regard to his anamnesis, the general and physical examination, the muscular system, trophic conditions, electrical conditions, sensory conditions, the special senses and speech. Clear descriptions of methods and numerous cuts render it not a difficult task to be able by its aid to master this elementary knowledge so necessary before one can investigate this class of diseases. Then follows diseases of the cerebral