

is devoted to diseases of the nervous system. It is opened by an interesting chapter on the Diagnosis of Diseases of the Nervous System by Dr. A. McLane Hamilton. Among the articles calling for special notice is one on Intracranial Tumors, by Dr. M. Allen Starr. A very interesting article on Toxic Affections from Arsenic and Lead, by Dr. J. J. Putnam. Dr. Charles B. Nancrede contributes a chapter on the operative Surgery of the Brain and Cord. Dr. Jas. Stewart writes clearly on the Primary Muscular Atrophies. Sachs contributes an excellent article on Chorea, and Dr. Mills an able article on Hysteria in Children.

Both editor and publishers are to be congratulated on the completion of this work. At present it stands pre-eminent in its department, and reflects credit on all the American profession. The paper, type, printing and illustrations are all of the highest order.

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**Surgical Bacteriology.** By N. SENN, M.D. Second edition. Philadelphia: Lea Bros. & Co. 1891.

That a second edition should be called for in less than two years is evidence both of the worth of the book and the interest taken in the subject. The special value of the book lies in the fact that it consists of a very full compilation of the important researches on a subject which is very imperfectly treated in text-books. In the second edition the work has been brought up to date without being materially increased in size, and a chapter on the alleged microbes of tumors has been added. It is to be regretted that no notice has been taken of recent work upon the action of disinfectant agents, which is a matter of much greater importance. A compilation of the different views with regard to the influence of bacteriology upon surgical technique would also have been a great addition, as the explanations given by various operators of their results are most contradictory. We are surprised to see that, in the chapter upon sources of infection, the bacteria present in the air are considered to constitute the chief danger. As each chapter, however, is complete in itself, these omissions do not lessen the value of the book to any one wishing to be well posted in the modern views with regard to surgical infectious diseases.