

has avoided much of the beaten track travelled by others before him, and has struck out for himself. Finding that the new route produced much that was novel, he has thrown aside many of the opinions of writers upon diseases of the nasal cavity, and has expressed views often at variance with those generally accepted at the present day. Whether he is correct is a matter on which we express no opinion, but, as an independent observer, he is entitled to respectful consideration. We agree with him, however, in believing that no class of diseases depend so much upon general sanitary measures for remaining well after being cured as do diseases of the nasal cavity. We are likewise heartily with him in his views, that it is bad practice to apply strong solutions to catarrhal mucous membranes, and that solutions for use in catarrhal inflammations of that membrane are best applied by means of an atomizer. So much in commendation, a word or two of fault finding. We quote from the preface. "*I have spared no pains to make the armamentarium of my offices, including my operating table, as perfect and convenient as possible.*" What this fact has to do with a work on the hygiene and treatment of catarrh, we are at a loss to discover. We are forced therefore to think that this is a little bit of personal advertising—a fault too evident in many of the works issued at the present day.

*A Treatise on Diseases of the Nervous System.* By William A. Hammond, M.D., Surgeon General U.S. Army (Retired list), Professor of Diseases of the Mind and Nervous System in the Medical Department of the University of New York. With one hundred and twelve illustrations. Seventh Edition—re-written, enlarged and improved. New York, D. Appleton & Co., 1881. Montreal, Dawson Bros.

Few men have obtained such a world-wide celebrity in comparatively so short a time as the author of this book. Leaving the service of his country—in which he held an exalted post—under considerable of a cloud, he commenced practice in the city of New York, with some friends and many enemies. For a couple of years his progress was slow, but after that he rapidly came to the front, and, ere long, began to be known as an excellent authority upon diseases of the Nervous System, to which specialty he has devoted his life. He is now the recognized authority on this branch of Medicine in the United States. A book from his pen, as can be well conceived, must be a standard one, and so in

truth it is. Not only has its merits been fully recognized on this continent, but its reputation has spread to Europe, and in 1879 a translation of it appeared in Paris, and at the present moment an Italian translation is going through the press under the direction of Professor Diodato Borrelli, Professor of Pathology and Clinical Medicine in the Royal University at Naples. The book is a large one, consisting of over 900 pages, and is divided into six sections, embracing: 1, diseases of the Brain; 2, Diseases of the Spinal Cord; 3, Cerebro-spinal Diseases; 4, Diseases of the Peripheral Nervous System; 5, Diseases of the Sympathetic Nervous System; 6, Toxic Diseases of the Nervous System. Under each of these sections the various diseases combined are described and the treatment given. The style of the author is pleasant, the printing is clear, and the book altogether is one which, externally, will look well in any library; while its contents will many a time prove exceedingly valuable to the practitioner, perplexed as he often is with many of the symptoms of obscure Nervous affections.

*A Treatise on Bright's Disease and Diabetes, with Especial Reference to Pathology and Therapeutics.* By JAMES TYSON, A.M., M.D., Professor of General Pathology and Morbid Anatomy in the University of Pennsylvania, with illustrations: including a section on Retinitis in Bright's Disease by William F. Norris, A.M., M.D., Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology in the University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, Lindsay and Blakiston; Montreal, Dawson Bros. Price \$3.50.

For several years Dr. Tyson has been looked upon as a close and thoughtful observer in urinary diseases. His studies have been largely in that direction, and, as can well be supposed, he must have collected a considerable amount of material bearing upon the disease, the consideration of which occupies the principal part of this volume. The accumulation of this material has given him an experience which he believes may be useful to others. This is his reason for presenting this book to the Profession. We have read several chapters of it, and believe we have derived profit from their perusal. Several original drawings are given in the section, giving the histology of the kidney. They are from the pencil of Dr. George C. Piersol. The illustrations are all admirable, and are beautifully executed, and add much to the value of the Treatise. The Pathology of the disease is brought down to date, and the work is one which we feel assured will meet with much favor.