

**The Treatment of Tabetic Ataxia, by means of Systematic Exercise.** An Exposition of the Principles and Practice of Compensatory Movement Treatment. By Dr. H. S. FRENKEL, Medical Superintendent of the Sanatorium "Freihof," in Heiden, Switzerland. Only authorized English Edition. Translated and Edited by L. FREYBERGER, M.D., (Vienna) Hon. Physician to the St. Pancras and Northern Dispensary, etc. 132 illustrations. London: Rebman, Limited, 129 Shaftesbury Avenue, Cambridge Circus, W.C., 1902. Solo Canadian Representative, Chas. E. Wingate, 186 Adelaide St. W., Toronto.

When Dr. Frenkel first introduced his method of exercise for locomotor ataxia in 1889, he laid no claim to influencing the tabetic process, but only the most prominent symptom, the ataxia. In this disease, the motor tracts are perfectly healthy, as far as we can judge by our present microscopical technic, and the great pathological question has been to explain the ataxia. Frenkel combats both the "centre" theory and the "sensory" theory, and regards the locomotion of the tabetic and the exaggerated excursions of the limbs as dependent not only upon the ataxia but upon the hypotonic condition of the muscles and joints.

The key-stone of Frenkel's system is practice. The apparatus required is very small and the treatment can be given at home.

To anyone having patients suffering from this disease, this book is a great help and may mean a new lease of life and usefulness to the sufferer.

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**Mechanism of the Paroxysmal Neuroses.** By FRANCIS HARE, M.D., Consulting Physician, Brisbane General Hospital; Inspector-General of Hospitals, Queensland, Sydney: W. E. Smith, Bridge St., 1903. 33 pages.

This small pamphlet deals with the subject very fully and is worth careful perusal. We are glad to note that Dr. Hare has quoted extensively from one of our co-workers, Dr. H. McMurchy.

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**High-Frequency Currents in the Treatment of Some Diseases.** By CHISHOLM WILLIAMS, F.R.C.S., Edin. Member of the Royal College of Surgeons, Eng.; Licentiate Royal College of Physicians, Lond.; Licentiate Society of Apothecaries, Lond.; Electro-Therapist West London Hospital, W.; Surgeon Out-Patients City Orthopaedic Hospital, E.C.; Honorary Secretary British Electro-Therapeutic Society, etc. London: Rebman, Limited, 129 Shaftesbury Avenue, Cambridge Circus, W.C., 1903. Canadian Representative, Charles E. Wingate, 186 Adelaide St. W., Toronto.

We have before us the first work to appear, in the English language, on the Electric High Frequency Currents. These are the currents described by the French investigator T'Arsonval, and bear his name. The English have been rather slow in adopting this line of treatment, but, having begun, it will be thoroughly investigated. The advent of the present volume no doubt will aid in its being more freely taken advantage of. Workers in the X-Ray field can very readily equip themselves with the necessary additional apparatus, and greatly augment their field of usefulness. This volume is describing a new