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In the last Johns-Hopkins University circular there is an interesting statement regarding the pathological department, which has been organized under Professor Welch. The laboratory as now equipped is the only equivalent in this country of a German pathological institute, and already seventeen physicians are enrolled as students. The hospital is nearly ready for occupation, and within a few years the medical school will be established, from which much may be expected for higher medical education.

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Of recent books, Professor Strümpell's *Practice*, edited by Dr. George Shattuck of Boston, will give to English readers one of the best of German text-books by one of the rising clinicians of Europe. Dr. Strümpell was assistant to Wunderlich and to Wagner in Leipsic, and now holds the chair of medicine at Erlangen. On diseases of the nervous system the work is exceptionally good.

Dr. H. C. Wood's *Nervous Diseases and their Diagnosis* is a very successful attempt to deal systematically with "the phenonema produced by diseases of the nervous system, with especial reference to the recognition of their causes." It will prove a boon to the practitioner lost in the maze of the new science of neurology.

Upon Dr. Parvin's *Midwifery* I cannot offer an opinion, but it looks a practical text-book, and the embryological and physiological parts, of which I can judge, are well written.

Surgeons will welcome the exhaustive monograph *De l'Intervention Chirurgicale dans les Affections du Rein* (Paris, G. Masson, 1886) by your townsman, Dr. A. Brodeur of Laval University. It forms a complete history of the surgery of the kidney, and a study of the cases therein narrated will be of great service in the diagnosis of obscure renal conditions.

The second edition of Finlayson's *Clinical Manual* should be in the hands of every hospital student. It has been a long time appearing, but there are many additions and improvements, and it forms an admirable *vade mecum* for ward work.

A "guide of life" for the physician, corresponding to Herbert's *A Priest to the Temple*, has not yet been written, but an excellent equivalent is the *Religio Medici* of Sir Thomas Browne, which I mention to call attention to the fact that a cheap Edin-