

per cent. of arterial affections. These figures lead to the conclusion that in the presence of cardiac symptoms, if insufficiency of the cardiac muscle be excluded, a low blood pressure is on the side of a diagnosis of cardiac neuroses. The other conclusions at which the author arrives are: (1) Extra systoles with a low blood pressure are seen almost without exception only in cases of neurosis. (2) A non-arterial systolic murmur probably does not depend on mitral insufficiency if the blood pressure be low. (3) Phrenocardia is most frequently seen in women, while hypotonia or bradycardia most frequently in men. (4) The dominating symptoms are in nervous hypotonia, painful sensations in the cardiac region, in nervous bradycardia palpitations and in bradycardia hypotonica, general weakness. (5) In bradycardia hypotonica there is a condition of true nervous heart weakness, sometimes with albuminuria and œdema.—*British Medical Journal*.

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### Medical Education in Vienna

It falls to the lot of a medical man only a few times in his life to visit the great centres of post-graduate study, and when these opportunities come he wants to know where it is best for him to go, so that he may spend the few weeks or, happily, months to the most advantage. For many generations there has been a large exodus to Vienna, and from some recent figures at hand it would seem that the capital of the Austrian Empire is still as popular as ever among American physicians.

The hospital facilities of Vienna are surpassed nowhere in the world. Not only do patients come from the city itself (with its population of nearly two millions) and the immediate neighborhood, but it is no uncommon sight to see a child, perhaps, brought from as far as Russia, so great is the fame of the hospital in Eastern Europe. In fact, the number of patients applying for admission is so great that each bed contains for the most part only a case that is either acutely ill or is of great interest. When the new hospital is completed the building will be one of the finest in the world.

Perhaps in no other centre does one find such a galaxy of famous men, who are nearly all willing to do post-graduate teaching. The courses in all branches are usually so varied and so abundant that one has no trouble in filling up a time-table which will keep one busy from 7.30 a.m., when the lectures begin, till 10 at night. But the fees are high. The average for a general course would be perhaps \$100 a month; in a special course, with operations, a good deal more. The classes, however, are