

The establishment of the reflex functions of this spinal cord ; in short, the whole of the excito-motor physiology of the nervous system is the sole work of Dr. Marshall Hall. And not only this, but he has shown that there are in reality ~~three~~ three great classes into which the various parts of the nervous system resolve themselves ; the cerebral, or sentient-voluntary ; the true spinal, or excito-motor ; and the ganglionic. The true idea of a nervous centre could never be said to have existed before the time of Marshall Hall. The ideas of centric and eccentric action, of reflection, &c., so necessary to the comprehension of nerve-physiology, were unknown before the labors of this great discoverer. But these physiological discoveries were not mere barren facts. How rich a practical fund of therapeutical measures naturally follows the physiology and pathology of the excito-motor system, every well-informed physician can testify. The success of Dr. Marshall Hall in the treatment of nervous diseases was almost entirely the result of a rigid application of his own physiological discoveries to their pathology and therapeutics.

Since the promulgation of his researches upon the nervous system he has been principally occupied with extending, applying, and developing them in every possible direction. The admirable success with which he indoctrinated the profession at large with his views must be attributed as well to his native lucidity as to their inherent truth.

The last crowning effort of Dr. Marshall Hall in the cause of science and humanity has been his discovery of what is now universally known as the "Marshall Hall Method" of restoring asphyxiated persons. It will be found detailed in an earlier number of this periodical. It is pleasing to find that this last labor of a great mind has been a labor of love, something added to the stock of human happiness, something taken away from the bitterness of life. It is singular enough that in the very place where Dr. Marshall Hall has drawn his last breath, two cases have lately occurred illustrating the superiority of the "Marshall Hall Method" over the empirical rules of the Royal Humane Society. In one case of drowning the warm bath was administered : in another, the "Marshall Hall Method" was resorted to : in the first case death was the result ; in the second, restoration to life.

In the practice of his profession, Dr. Marshall Hall was very successful. He linked himself early and resolutely to a great subject and rose into fame upon his development of it. He realized an ample fortune as the reward of a life of unremitting toil.

It is somewhat remarkable that Dr. Marshall Hall never held the office of physician in an hospital in London. He was only physician to a dispensary for a short time. He lectured at the Aldersgate-street and