

Maryland in March, 1888, appeared in several medical journals, I have frequently been asked by the medical profession to write a manual, and also to give instructions on the subject.

"Although there are numerous articles and books on massage, there are, to my knowledge, no manuals of Swedish movement and massage treatment in the English language which give any information how to apply the treatment in different diseases.

"As such a treatise seems to be desirable, I have tried to write a practical hand-book, describing the most useful movements, many of these illustrated by cuts, and giving in addition prescriptions for their use in those cases where they are most likely to be successfully applied in the sick-room and without any apparatus.

"I trust this will supply a need, and be accepted as a practical help in the treatment of the sick."

After perusing this little work we can heartily commend it to any who desire to master this somewhat mysterious method of treatment.

LECTURES ON NERVOUS DISEASES from the Standpoint of Cerebral and Spinal Localization, and the Later Methods Employed in the Diagnosis and Treatment of these Affections. By Ambrose L. Ranney, A.M., M.D., Professor of the Anatomy and Physiology of the Nervous System in the New York Post-Graduate School and Hospital, etc. Profusely illustrated with original diagrams and sketches in color by the author, carefully selected wood cuts and reproduced photographs of typical cases. 778 pages, octavo, cloth. \$5.50. Philadelphia; F. A. Davis, publisher.

George T. Stevens, M.D., Ph.D., is the friend to whom the author dedicates this volume "as a tribute to his personal integrity and general scholarship, and, above all, to his original investigations respecting the causation and cure of functional nervous diseases." Albanians ever feel an ownership in Dr. Stevens, and are gratified at the increasing esteem in which he is held by the profession.

Under the head of "functional" nervous diseases, Dr. Ranney gives a full résumé of the researches of Dr. George T. Stevens respecting the bearings of "eye-defect" and "eye-strain" upon the etiology and treatment of these obscure conditions. The author's own extensive observations have led him to fully endorse all that has been claimed by Dr. Stevens. He says; "I can bear strong testimony to the value of the new methods of examination and treatment suggested by him for these distressing and obstinate maladies. Like other delicate procedures, they can only be entrusted to skillful hands, well versed in their intricacies and careful in respect to minute details. No other treatment has ever yielded me such satisfactory results in severe forms of epilepsy, hysteria, chorea, neuralgia, head ache, insanity and functional visceral derangements. As no drugs were employed by me in many of these cases, the relief obtained must be attributed solely to the method of treatment referred to."

In arrangement and plan this book differs radically from others. The first part treats of those facts (anatomical, physiological and pathological) upon which the science of cerebral and spinal localization is based, and discusses the various steps which should be taken in the clinical examination of a patient, and the deductions to be drawn from the facts elicited.

Besides a full index, there is a valuable bibliography and a glossary which all students will find convenient. The illustrations are 192 in number, many of them in various colors, and in addition there are fourteen full-page diagrams and reproduced photographs of chorea.

## PERSONAL.

Dr. Godin, of St. Johns, Que., has returned home after a three months' trip in Europe.

Dr. C. J. Edgar, (M.D., McGill, 1887,) has removed from Inverness to Sherbrooke.

Dr. H. S. Birkett, (M.D., McGill, 1887,) has returned to Montreal after an absence, in Europe, of nearly two years.

Dr. D. Gaherty has been transferred from the Chair of Hygiene to that of Medical Jurisprudence in Bishop's College.

We regret to announce the somewhat sudden death of Dr. Anthony Kerry, (M.D., Bishop's College, 1876,) of Montreal.

Dr. J. B. Gibson, of Cowansville, has been elected a Vice-President of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Province or Quebec.

Dr. James McPherson Jack, (M.D., Bishop's College, 1859,) has been appointed Lecturer on Botany in the Faculty of Medicine of Bishop's College.

Dr. George Ross has been elected by the Medical Faculty of McGill College as one of their representatives on the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Quebec, in place of the late Dr. R. P. Howard.

Dr. Weir Mitchell, of Philadelphia, Dr. A. L. Mason, of Boston, and Dr. F. Wayland Campbell, of Montreal, were among the successful salmon anglers on the famous Restigouche River this season.

Dr. Archibald Campbell, late one of the clinical resident assistants at the Montreal General Hospital, has been taken ill in Vienna with Pulmonic disease, and has been ordered to the South of France.

Dr. W. G. Johnston, Professor of Pathology in McGill University, who for the past two years has been in Europe, is, we regret to hear, ill in Vienna from blood poisoning. At last accounts we are glad to hear that he was doing well.

Dr. C. A. Wood, (M.D., Bishop's College,) and lately Professor of Pathology in his *Alma Mater*, is now at Moorfields Ophthalmic Hospital, London. We are sure our readers will have enjoyed the instructive letters from his pen, written from Berlin, Vienna and London, which have appeared in the RECORD.

Cannabis Indica is said to be curative in supra-orbital neuralgia, dysmenorrhœa, migraine and diseases of the kidneys.—Ed. Med. Reg.