

Clinical Lessons on Nervous Diseases. By S. Weir Mitchell, M.D., LL.D. Edin. Member of the National Academy of Sciences; Honorary Fellow of the Royal Medico-Chirurgical Society of London. Handsome 12mo., 299 pages, with illustrations and two colored plates. Cloth, \$2.50. Lea Brothers & Co., Publishers. Philadelphia and New York, 1897.

The author of this volume is one of the most celebrated of the workers in neurology in the United States, where so much good work has been done in regard to this class of diseases.

There are eighteen chapters in this neatly bound book of two hundred and ninety pages, each considering some interesting variety of nervous disease, or combination of diseases. The method of treatment in these articles is in the form of a clinical lecture. In the first article on hysteria, psychic anæsthesia for touch, psychic anosmia, psychic blindness, the report of the case is first given in detail, in regard to personal and family history; and the *status præsens* is then carefully investigated one point after another, according to the method of neurologists, then the case is summed up, and its particular character pointed out, and inferences drawn.

In this way each subject is treated, illustrated often with several cases. Among the most interesting chapters are those on some disorders of sleep, choreoid movements in an adult male, motor ataxia in a child of three years, the treatment of sciatica, erythrometalgia, pseudocyesis, and hysterical contractures. The cases are chosen from among the more interesting of the cases in his special hospital, and are each typical of the class it represents. These lessons are of equal interest to the specialist and general practitioner. The latter in the perusal of the cases becomes initiated into the methods adopted by this well-known teacher in studying and examining this class of cases. It is an exceedingly interesting and instructive book, and well worthy of a place in every physician's library.

A Handbook of Medical Climatology. Embodying its Principles and Therapeutic Application, with Scientific Data of the Chief Health Resorts of the World. By S. Edwin Solly, M.D., M.R.C.S., late President of the American Climatological Association. In one octavo volume of 470 pages, with engravings and colored plates. Cloth, \$4.00. Lea Brothers & Co., Publishers, Philadelphia and New York, 1897.

Other than brief references to the subject in text-books on the practice of medicine and articles in medical journals, the practitioner has had no authentic source where full information could be obtained in regard to climate and the circumstances and conditions which justified him in sending any given case away from home for the change in his climatic conditions, which would prove of benefit. Hence, a special work on this subject, by one who has spent a lifetime in making observations, and collating facts from every available source, is one to be welcomed by the profession. The author believes that it is possible to prescribe a climate with as much precision as a drug, and with far greater effect in appropriate cases.

At the present time, when physicians depend less on the action of drugs than on the skillful management of their cases on general