

among the Christian Scientists, there can be no other language for it than that of contempt.

THE SENSORY PHRENIC NERVE.

Dr. Leonard J. Kidd, of London, Eng., has contributed to the *Review of Neurology and Psychiatry*, for November, 1911, a carefully-prepared paper on the phrenic nerve and its functions. We have read this paper with interest for two reasons.

The first of these is the very clear evidence which Dr. Kidd advances in support of the opinion that the phrenic nerve contains sensory, as well as motor, fibres. The article is well worthy of careful study on this point. Dr. Kidd gives a very full summary of the literature upon the subject of the phrenic nerve.

The second reason for our interest in Dr. Kidd's paper is a personal one. He gives very full credit to the work done on this subject by Dr. John Ferguson, of Toronto, who, in 1891, published in *Brain* the results of his clinical and experimental work on the phrenic nerve. Dr. Kidd gives credit to this article as being "the great discovery of sensory fibres in the phrenic nerve." We are glad to notice that after twenty years our investigations are bearing fruit; and we congratulate Dr. Kidd on what he had done on this same topic.

THE POLLUTION OF WATER COURSES.

There is no more important question for any country to consider than that of preserving its waterways and water courses free from every contamination as far as possible. On the purity of these the health of the people, to a large extent, depends. It has been settled that typhoid fever is almost exclusively a water-borne disease; and it has also been shown that for every case of typhoid fever caused by polluted water there are three other cases of intestinal trouble due to the bad water.

There are parts of Canada where the purity of the rivers and streams is of the utmost importance, as there are no lakes, and the people must depend upon the rivers. This is specially so in the interior of nearly all the provinces. As the timber is cleared away there is grave risk of these rivers running very low in summer, and the condition of the water becoming very bad.