Correspondence.

To the Editor of the Journal of Nervous and Mental Diseases:

My attention has been called by Dr. Spitzka to a misstatement in an article on "The Sensory Tract in the Central Nervous System," published in your Journal July, 1884. I desire to make a correction, as the views of Dr. Spitzka were unintentionally misrepresented. Owing to a misunderstanding of an article by Spitzka on the cerebellum,¹ it was stated that—"Spitzka holds that the cerebellum is a special cerebral segment for all the sensory tracts, in which they are temporarily deflected on their way to the cerebrum. He therefore favors the view of Wernicke as to the existence of a double decussation between the cord and the capsule for all fibres excepting those of the column of Goll" (p. 352). In re-reading the article, I find that this statement is not warranted. Dr. Spitzka does not assert that all the sensory tracts are deflected. The criticism which I made of the statement (p. 393) is, therefore, irrelevant, and cannot be applied to the position of Spitzka, although it does apply to that of Wernicke.

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¹ Alienist and Neurologist, Jan., 1884.