made to appreciate the strong ground which he takes against the routine treatment by Bromides, and to act upon the excellent suggestions which he makes concerning tonic and supporting treatment. The readers of our excellent cotemporary, the *American Journal of Medical Sciences*, will find the article on hysteria familiar, it having been published almost exactly as it now appears in that journal some time since.

Very properly, we think, Dr. Hamilton has refrained from any consideration of insanity. The limits of a text-book upon nervous diseases are altogether too small for the proper elucidation of even the most prominent divisions of what has come to be a special department of neurological study. The text is well illustrated by cases drawn from the author's practice, and a number of wood cuts, most of which are well made. We conclude this notice by reiterating our first impression, that the author has produced a concise and practical text-book on nervous diseases which, in many respects, is the best yet written in the English language.

On Rest and Pain. By JOHN HILTON, F. R. G., F. R. C. S. Second Edition. Edited by H. A. JACOBSON, F. R. C. S. Cloth, 8 vo., pp. 299, with illustrations. New York: Wm. Wood & Co., 1879.

This work is the first of the series of Wood's Library of Standard Medical Authors. The work is well known abroad, and its value is a matter beyond discussion. Messrs. Wood & Co. have made an excellent selection as introductory to their Standard Library, and if the future volumes are of equal merit, they will justly deserve the lasting obligations of the profession. The work of Dr. Hilton, in the form of lectures, and in an English edition, has been, for some time, before the profession; it has, however, obtained but comparatively few readers on this

side of the Atlantic. The author treats of mechanical and physiological rest in medical and surgical diseases, of pain, its relief, and its diagnostic value. He presents his facts in a clear and concise manner, and draws his conclusions in a style at once simple and logical. His observation upon "Rest and Pain," are of importance and value, and should be read and applied by every practitioner. The work is presented in a handsome form, much more so, in fact, than we supposed possible at the price. The scheme which the publishers have thus inaugurated, is to publish twelve standard medical works a year, one being issued each month. The entire set being sold to subscribers for the moderate sum of twelve dollars, payable in advance. A circular giving the names of the forthcoming works in the series, with terms, etc., can be obtained, on application, of the publishers, Messrs. Wood & Co., New York.

Deterioration and Race Education, with Practical Application to the Condition of the People and Industry. By SAMUEL ROYCE. Boston: Lee & Shepard, 1878.

We hardly know what to say of the work before us. The author is evidently one of those unhappy mortals who sees everything in morals, physical and mental health, justice and civilization, gradually tending toward a general chaotic condition. We should be very loth to believe that the dark picture which he draws of the present condition of the laboring classes, and the future to which he thinks they are hurrying, is anywhere near exact, and from a long and practical observation of their status we do not believe it is. We do believe that improvidence, ignorance and, above all, *injudicious charity*, do much toward preventing the laboring classes from rising above their position, and