III. The Curability of Cancerous Disease. By Dr. Ed. v. Meyer (Zurich). This is a statistical consideration of the cases of malignant disease (tumors) in various regions operated upon by Prof. Rose (Zurich) during the period of 1867-1878. The growths included were examined by Prof. Ebert. They fall among the carcinomas, sarcomas and melano sarcomas. Of 64 cases there were 47 carcinomas, 11 sarcomas, 3 cysto-sarcomas, 1 melano-sarcoma, 1 fibro sarcoma and 1 carcinoma—sarcomatodes. There are 41 recoveries recorded. Twenty-two are still living from 20 years to 9 years after operation without return of disease. Of the 19 who died from other cause than their disease the time elapsing since operation ranged from 16 to 1 year.

Of those still living without return of disease 11 were carcinomatous tumors. The tumors in the successful cases were situated in the mamma, nose, lip, lower jaw, extremities, genitals The regionary glands were affected in only 4 cases. In the cases of return of disease only 2 tumors (carcinoma) of the breast are recorded. The remaining tumors affected the nose, lip, cheek, upper and lower jaw. The metastases affected the liver (3 cases), stomach (1). The duration of life of those who died with return of their disease varied from 11½ years (1); 10½ years (1); 5 years (2) to 3 months after original operation.—Zeitsch. f. Chir., bd. 28, heft 1 and 2.

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NERVOUS AND VASCULAR SYSTEMS.

I. The Operative Treatment of Hernia of the Brain and Spinal Cord. By Dr. Hildebrand (Goetingen). In the clinic of Prof. Koenig we have reported the following cases of operative interference in congenital defects of the bony vault of the cranium or the framework of the vertebral column with protrusion of contents. Cerebral Hernia.—(1) A female infant, æt. 5 weeks, which on birth had a large tumor on the occiput (meningocele cerebralis), the sack communicating by an opening two fingerbreadths in diameter with the cavity of the skull. Child showed no other symptoms. (2) A case of encephalocele in a female infant æt. 14 days born with large tumor on the fore-