that there is a presumption to the contrary, hereditary and unstable cases being especially referred to.

There were not presented quite so many of clinical studies as at the preceding meeting, but Pathological studies were more prominent than usual. It seems pertinent to testify in conclusion that a steady and rapid growth in hospital work is at present in progress, and will undoubtedly be manifested the literature embodying the results obtained. This meeting was in Denver, and on account of the distance many prominent members were absent. PHELPS.

STATE HOSPITAL BULLETIN.

Volume I, No. 1 of the promised State Hospital Bulletin, (N. Y.,) reaches us at the end of February. It presents 140 pages of essays arising from a study by various medical officers, each of his own clinical material. The actual material presented is almost secondary to the possibilities hinted at in the general scheme. For example, if the central editorial committee has influence or authority to divide up the experimental and research work among the different hospitals and medical officers, it can develop along many lines, by such division of labor. For example, assigning thyroid feeding to one hospital, urinalysis to another, etc. The practicability of the complete development of this scheme is more assured than its desirability. It would perhaps not wholly suit independent thought and tastes.

Editorially it is promised to develop the pathological work during the coming year, in a manner spoken of by them as "ideal." A central bureau known as the Pathological Institute will under Doctor Van Gieson direct the work of the local hospital laboratories, seemingly assigning them research work something as above outlined. It is then not work in a central laboratory, *under the direction of* a central laboratory. Details are not given, but the outlook is good. Considerable time is needed to get results from this system.

For its further aims it is stated that "it may be considered in the light of a "psychiatrist at the breakfast table" and as it is not intended to compete with the formal Journals, so it should not be compared with them in the character of its contents. Articles which are not suited for the ordinary journals will find place in the Bulletin. Negative results will be recorded,—results in therapeutics and physical treatment will be freely used."

Notice of the essays comprising this number is precluded here by the lateness of its arrival. It is published by the State, by the "Utica Hospital Print," seemingly as was the Journal of Insanity. No advertisements are taken and the subscription price is \$2.00. As a whole the plan promises well, not only by publishing present results but by setting each hospital at work on new or renewed lines. PHELPS.

A NEW TEXT BOOK FOR TRAINING SCHOOLS FOR NURSES,

By Dr. P. M. Wise, is just at hand. It accepts seemingly the same reasoning adopted by the writer two years ago; namely, that a book to study by and follow was better for students of this grade and with this amount of time, than such insufficient "notes" as they could make; that the nursing of mental and bodily diseases are best woven together into one whole; that a "book" secures a consistent and known line of study, even if the lecturers be several or changing.

Some differential points between the two books might be mentioned. This later book leaves out of consideration special drugs, perhaps wisely so. It has an index, glossary and some tables, as very valuable additions. Peculiarly enough, while giving a space to obstetrics, (we think rightly,) it omits all consideration of gynecological work, a subject of almost daily practical use in hospital service. It also omits con-