Towards meeting this hiatus in concerted effort to improve the racial phylum the contributions to Vol. I, however, afford some elements of a progressive attitude. As such they are welcome and to be encouraged and the book to be carefully studied.

Vol. II contains a host of extremely valuable suggestions about human imperfections and practical issues that come out of them. It equally is full of common sense directions whereby these human imperfections, arising, it may be, from faulty hereditary factors, may be advantageously handled by human made institutions—laws—relief societies—insurance—etc., etc.

Two extremely valuable and helpful volumes for all neuropsychiatrists interested in social problems, and particularly for those who would gain an inkling of what formulations are being constructed by a defeated nation pushed to the extreme to make better adaptations to vital problems or go under.

ACUTE EPIDEMIC ENCEPHALITIS. By the Association for Research in Nervous and Mental Diseases. [Paul B. Hoeber, New York.]

This unique Association which has for its main object the annual discussion of one topic of neuropsychiatric interest here presents a general abstract of the papers presented at its first annual meeting held in New York in 1920.

Since "lethargic encephalitis" presented an acute, recent and definite series of problems this subject was timely chosen. What has been learned about the disease is here very acceptably abstracted. It is a valuable production and is to be cordially recommended to all neuropsychiatrists.

Kronfeld, Arthur. *DAS WESEN DER PSYCHIATRISCHEN ERKENNTNISS.* [Beiträge zur allgemeinen Psychiatrie I. Julius Springer, Berlin.]

Kronfeld has written here a big book. Its 500 pages are crowded and full of thought only the merest indication of which can be registered in this place.

After a preliminary statement regarding the possibilities of a metaphysically free nature investigation, the distinctions between a theory of knowledge and a critique of reason and a short outline of the Friesian school of philosophy he enters into the chief portions of his discussion.

The present tendencies in German psychiatry and psychology are extremely diverse and Kronfeld has given a most able summary of them. We recommend this extremely thoughtful and philosophical treatise to serious students of German philosophical-psychiatric tendencies. It is entitled to a much more extensive and critical review.

Bregman, L. E. *DIE SCHLAFSTÖRUNG UND IHRE BEHANDLUNG.* [S. Karger, Berlin.]

In a short, readable monograph the author discusses this very important problem in all of its many sided aspects. He treats of it