

LUDWIG BRUNS

Owing to the irregularities of communication with German neurology in the past few years a complete notice of the death of this eminent neurologist has been omitted. Professor Bruns died in 1916 at Hanover at the age of 58. Trained under Hitzig of Halle he had devoted a life of diligent and active service to various forms of clinical neurology. The number of his publications, eighty in all and all but one upon neurological subjects, testifies to the conscientious faithfulness of his work while these writings are marked by the skill and vital interest as well the thoroughness and exactness with which he approached his subject. These qualities give them rank in the progress of neurology for while he was zealous to enlarge his own knowledge of the problems confronting him his work was of the sort that produced definite results in practical knowledge for the advancement of his profession.

His monograph upon tumors of the central and peripheral nervous system is one of the best things produced on this wide subject. This work was first published in Nothnagel's "Special Pathology and Therapy." He gave his intensive study to this field and had therefore a share in the advance of brain surgery, which was forwarded by his studies. He published in addition many other contributions upon tumors of the brain, diseases of the spinal cord, as well as upon other neurological subjects. In all his writings as in his teaching he set a standard of thoroughness, of high aim and interest which proved a stimulus to many. The sympathetic nature of his professional interest, one that realized the humanity of the problems before him, is shown in his appreciative work on hysterical development in children. He realized the peculiar sensitiveness of childhood and the dangers to which this is exposed. He collaborated with Ziehen and Cramer in the publication of a work in which his views were set forth, "Handbook on Diseases of the Nervous System of Children." He was also closely associated with Oppenheim in work on the traumatic neuroses. The war added to his duties and he performed diligent service as neurologist until shortly before his death.

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