

*Diagnostic Symptoms in Nervous Diseases.* By EDWARD LIVINGSTON HUNT, M. D., Instructor in Neurology and Assistant Chief of Clinic, College of Physicians and Surgeons, the Medical Department of Columbia University in the City of New York, etc. (*Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company, 1914.*)

To quote from the author's preface, "My students . . . have asked me . . . to name a book in which they could find the salient points and leading symptoms of the principal nervous diseases without the laborious search involved in consulting the larger text books. This book, written to supply such a demand, is intended for the student, interne and general practitioner, both as a reference and as an aid in diagnosis."

The author has certainly succeeded in his purpose and his book fills a long-felt want, especially to the physician or student who happens to run across some obscure or uncommon neurological symptom.

The great majority of the chapters bear the titles of various neuropathological manifestations and under these headings are discussed the various diseases in which these conditions are found.

Chapter VI on "Gaits" is particularly valuable in this respect. A novel feature of this chapter is the description and illustrations of the way in which the shoes are worn out in various diseases affecting the gait.

Chapter IV on "Tremors," containing some very good illustrations, is also to be recommended.

The illustrations, for the most part from photographs, are very good and particularly comprehensive.

The book is gotten up in a neat and attractive manner throughout and Dr. Hunt is to be congratulated on the production of a work containing so much valuable information in a comparatively few pages. N. H. B.

*Nervous and Mental Diseases for Students and Practitioners.* By CHARLES S. POTTS, M. D., Professor of Neurology in the Medico-Chirurgical College of Philadelphia, etc. Third Edition. Revised and Enlarged. (*Philadelphia and New York: Lea & Febiger, 1913.*)

Previous editions of this work have received favorable notice in the pages of this JOURNAL. The edition recently issued is presented in an attractive form and is considerably enlarged. New matter has been introduced in the section on nervous diseases and newer methods of diagnosis in both nervous and mental maladies described.

Paresis or dementia paralytica has been described in the chapter devoted to diseases of the brain and cord, and is not included in the section devoted to mental diseases. To have been wholly consistent the author should have avoided using the term paralytic dementia which heads the portion of the chapter devoted to this disease and adopted that of chronic diffuse meningo-encephalitis. The neurological rather than the psychiatric trend of the author's mind is shown when one reads this portion of the work and then turns to sections devoted to mental disturbances not as rich in neurologic symptoms. The mental manifestations and the finer differentiations between symptoms will be found not to be so fully or satisfactorily treated.