

Since that time the author has had greatly increased opportunity, through a rich material, to enlarge his comparative studies. He here gives us the most up-to-date and authoritative presentation of the morphological evidences, external and internal, of variability and heredity in the passing of structure of the nervous system through the animal phylum. It is a study that all students of the structure of the nervous system should have.

**Marañón, G.** IN NUEVAS ORIENTACIONES SOBRE LA DIABETES INSIPIDA. Editorial Saturnino. Calleja, Madrid.

In a delightful little monograph Dr. Marañón has gathered together a number of observations with a complete discussion of the hypophyseal relationship to diabetes insipidus, its pathology, etiology, symptomatology, diagnosis, course, prognosis and opotherapy.

**Towns, Charles B.** HABITS THAT HANDICAP. Funk and Wagnalls Company, New York and London.

There is plenty of room for this more than interesting book. The ever-present tendency for the human being to avoid the painful tensions of continuous effort by taking "something"—a pick me up, or something soothing or alleviating usually lands all of the discontented and many of the semi-contented into the fatal ambush of some type of drug habit. Like Narcissus of old they ultimately return to a state of self comfort, periodically or continuously and "lose their eyes," i.e., lose their creative capacities and become slaves to a routine of a monotonous boredom, broken now and then by some episodic debauch of feeling, or nerves, or risky conduct.

The general features of the resultant conditions are here well told and we can commend this small brochure to our readers. We would have liked to see more insight into the psychopathology of the conditions and less material upon the mechanical features of the cure advised, but the world is only slowly coming to view man as a unity—his cravings and his machine as inseparable—and until this is realized the easier method of approach here offered may after all do more good.

**Hollingworth, Leta S.** THE PSYCHOLOGY OF SUBNORMAL CHILDREN. The Macmillan Co., New York.

From every point of view the study and training of children is the supreme obligation of the state. The recent movements towards a better understanding of educational problems relative to the feeble-minded is one that occupies a regnant position in this obligation and any study or series of studies that intelligently furthers such an understanding deserves support. The present volume is such a one. It is intelligent and at the same time very practical. It is good reading and for the most part dynamic thinking. It is stated in simple terms, avoids many of the "truths that are not so" and altogether is, for its purposes, a commendable book. If the author had used "average" more and "normal" less the book, in our opinion, would be even still better. A few points concerning which