

*Outlines of Physiological Psychology.* By GEORGE TRUMBULL LADD. Longmans, Green, and Co: London. 1891.

There has been a general demand for a smaller work, containing the essential parts of Professor Ladd's somewhat ponderous work "On Physiological Psychology," and we are glad that this want has been met by the volume, the title of which is placed at the head of this notice. The larger work we have already reviewed. It was published in 1887 under the title of "Elements," etc. The author points out that the "Outlines" is not a mere abridgment of the former work. Parts I. and III. of the large volume, which treated of the nervous mechanism and of the nature of mind in relation to the body, have, we think wisely, been shortened. On the other hand, Part II., which gave an account of the relations between the excited cerebral organs and mental phenomena, has been enlarged. As a whole, the work forms a valuable text book, and we have no doubt that it will be much used in this country. The illustrations are good.

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*The Asclepiad.* By BENJAMIN WARD RICHARDSON, M.D., F.R.S. 2nd quarter, 1891.

This journal loses none of its interest, and is continued with the same spirit by its unwearied and able author. An account of Dr. William Hewson, F.R.S., constitutes a worthy addition to the valuable series of biographies with which Dr. Richardson has enriched the "Asclepiad." As usual, he has succeeded in obtaining an excellent portrait to accompany the notice.

The prevailing epidemic is treated of under the title "Influenza as an Organic Nervous Paresis," for as such the author regards it. The confusion which reigns in regard to the best remedy is accounted for by our ignorance of the cause. In his experience the speediest relief is obtained from breathing the vapour of ammonia. When, however, the nervous depression comes on, this remedy is useless. Dr. Richardson does not tell us what he should administer for this condition. He only tells us what he should not give. "The successful remedy, when found, will not be an alcoholic stimulant. According to my observation, alcohol has added largely to the dangers of influenza."