

*Influenza.*

Influenza has been more rife than usual this wintry spring, and although fortunately the mortality therefrom has not been very high, its baneful influence has been more widely spread than ever.

Whole schools have been prostrated, committees of important bodies scarcely able to raise a quorum, Government offices so weak handed as to seriously diminish the supply of red tape, and some departments of the law, never arraigned as yet for furious speed, have come nearly to a standstill. On the other hand, ammoniated quinine has been at a premium, nurses have been too busy, with rare exceptions, even to prosecute their doctors for treating them gratuitously, and seaside resorts, especially those with golf courses, have been largely frequented.

Lastly, but by no means least, our editors, reviewers, and contributors have suffered unanimously, and if the JOURNAL is late and somewhat emaciated in its appearance, this also must be ascribed to the demonic influence of the influenza.

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**Part II.—Reviews.**

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*Syphilis und Nervensystem* [*Syphilis and the Nervous System*]. By Dr. M. NONNE. Published by S. Karger, Berlin, 1902. Octavo, pp. 458, with 42 illustrations. Price 14 m.

THIS monograph takes the form of seventeen lectures, delivered by the author in the autumn of the years 1899, 1900, and 1901, to practising physicians in Hamburg. He has published them in the same form as they were delivered, as he thinks they will thus possess greater practical interest without being wanting in scientific accuracy. They are illustrated by many valuable clinical facts from the author's own observation, and wherever possible the clinical symptoms are referred to the basis of pathological anatomy. In his division of the subject he is guided largely by his own experience, and by the necessities of practical utility. This is wise, not only in view of the circumstances under which the lectures were delivered, but also in view of the mistaken impression of the subject which is obtained when a series of very rare