

records, and to collect materials for a really scientific study, will be taken in good part, and in the spirit in which Mr. Galton has made them.

Leçons sur les Maladies Mentales. Par B. BALL, Professeur à la Faculté de Médecine de Paris. Paris: Asselin et Cie. 1883.

To the earlier portion of this volume, which appeared as a separate fasciculus, we have had occasion to refer in a former number. The complete work is quite worthy of the ability of the author, and the style is at once forcible and graceful. There are many passages which we should gladly transfer to our pages, but the space at our command will not allow us to do more than praise the book much and cite from it little.

Dr. Ball gives, like everyone else, his own classification of mental diseases, and this we append. Following Morel, he bases it upon ætiology.

Mental Disorders.

1. Vesaniæ.* No lesion discovered. "Essential."
(Types—Circular Insanity; Partial Insanity.)
2. Neuro-pathic..... { Hysterical Insanity
Epileptic Insanity
Choreic Insanity
3. Diathetic { Gouty Insanity
Rheumatic Insanity
Tubercular Insanity
Cancerous Insanity
Anæmic Insanity
4. Sympathetic { Genital Insanity
Cardiac Insanity
Gastro-intestinal Insanity
Pulmonary Insanity
5. Toxic { Alcoholic Insanity
Saturnine Insanity
Morphinic Insanity
Etc.

* Insanities properly so called.

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| 6. Organic or cerebro-spinal | { | General Paralysis
Aphasia
Acute delirious mania
Hemiplegic dementia
Etc. |
| 7. Congenital or morpho-logical..... | { | Idiocy
Imbecility
Cretinism |

It would be easy to criticise, and we have little doubt that were we to do so, the Professor would be the first to assent to our criticisms.

The author gives unqualified adhesion to the Moral Insanity of Prichard as "*un véritable délire.*"

It is to be regretted that there is no alphabetical index to the book—an essential condition of a book of nearly 900 pages. We have given up in despair the attempt to find some passages which had struck us on first reading the book, and which we wished to recall.

A Practical Introduction to Medical Electricity. By A. DE WATTEVILLE, M.A., M.D., B.Sc.Lond. 2nd edition. London: H. K. LEWIS. 1884.

We are glad to see that this excellent introduction to Medical Electricity has reached a second edition. The work is thoroughly practical, and well deserves the success it has achieved. It has been much enlarged, and very useful plates have been added, illustrating the localities of the chief nerve trunks and motor points of muscles accessible to electrical excitement. In the chapter on Electrotherapeutics, Dr. de Watteville has eliminated the translation of the portion written by Dr. Onimus and substituted his.
