

department in connection with the Irish lunatic asylums." While we hardly share the advanced views which the Public Health Committee seem to hold as to the bacterial origin of insanity, and, indeed, think that the confusion of two things so distinct in method, as the study of bacteria and of the higher nervous centres, is more likely to harm than to help both, yet the fact is hopeful that at least one public body seems to consider the foundation of an Asylums Laboratory as a foregone conclusion.

It is unnecessary in this JOURNAL to point out the advantages of such a project, or to labour to show the hopelessness of any advance in our specialty in Ireland while the scientific side of our work is neglected. The feasibility of the particular scheme suggested by Dr. Dawson has been already demonstrated in Scotland.

Notes and Queries.

DR. W. WATSON (Edinburgh) writes in reference to Dr. Ireland's study of Nietzsche, that Nietzsche's acute sense of smell is very characteristic. He regards it as a reversion to a lower type. But specially Dr. Watson says, "The weakness of his sexual instinct is childlike. He seems to have combined the intellect of a man with the morality of a child. Does such a combination often accompany non-developed sexual instincts? It ought to do so *a priori*."

Part II.—Reviews.

The Structure of the Nervous System in Man and the Vertebrates.
By S. RAMON CAJAL, Professor of Histology in the University of Madrid. Vol. I.

THE work exhibited in this, only the first volume, is vast, thorough, and of wide interest. The book contains over 500 pages of printed matter, with numerous illustrations. A large part of the book records original research, and the matter embraced in this volume extends from a general summary of the nervous system to the comparative histology of the spinal medulla.