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This important venture will assuredly justify itself in these later days, when neurology has been specialised into a great and important subject. It could not have been started more opportunely or under better auspices. The preliminary statement shows that this new journal is to provide in English such a periodical as we are already familiar with in other countries. It is, in fact, an adaptation of foreign ideas, and will be of similar value to those who are urgent to know what is being done at home and abroad in the shortest space of time. We have long recognised the value of this kind of work, and have endeavoured in this JOURNAL to present current information on psychiatry in such a manner as to indicate where further information is to be found. Dr. Bruce has laid us under an obligation in carrying out this plan on a wider basis, and especially in bringing important abstracts into notice. The *Review* is designed to extend over forty-eight or sixty-four pages, made up of short original articles, preliminary communications, abstracts, reviews, and bibliographies, as well as digests of recent progress on special subjects.

We note that Sir William Gowers, Sir John Sibbald, Dr. Byrom Bramwell, Dr. John Macpherson, Dr. Ashby Mackintosh, and other prominent physicians have contributed articles; and that the abstracts are particularly well prepared for the purpose in view. This gives us occasion for recommending the *Review of Neurology and Psychiatry* to our readers with every confidence, and we trust that it will have a brilliant future in the interests of the profession.

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*General Paresis, Practical and Clinical.* By R. H. CHASE, A.M., M.D. (Philadelphia). London: Rebman, 1902. 8vo, pp. 291, 18 illustrations, 4 figures. Price 8s. net.

This monograph, from the pen of the Physician-in-Chief of the Friends' Asylum for the Insane, is especially directed to the attention of general practitioners.

In a monograph having this object an exhaustive scientific treatment of the subject is not expected, but rather such a description as will give a clear view of the subject. This book, it is to be feared, falls short of its objective by giving an amount of detail and division, with a deficiency of emphasis of important points. This is evidenced by the numerous illustrations, many of which are by no means strikingly characteristic of general paralysis. Similarly the numerous cases quoted are interesting rather than diagnostically instructive.

The facts collected in the book are numerous, but there is practically nothing that is new or that demands criticism from the point of view of the specialist. They are well up to date, and mention is made of the most recent pathological views of Forbes Robertson, Mott, etc. The type is excellent, and the book is well produced.