

*Ueber den Einfluss febriler Prozesse auf die Ganglienzellen* [*Upon the Influence of Febrile Processes upon the Ganglion Cells*]. Von Dr. O. JULIUSBURGER und Dr. E. MEYER.

In this reprint from the *Berliner Klinische Wochenschrift* the authors have given the result of an inquiry testing the observations of Goldscheider and Flatau, who thought they had ascertained a specific effect of fevers upon the ganglion cells, which consisted in an alteration of the granula. Drs. Juliusburger and Meyer made a careful microscopic examination of the brains and spinal cords of nine patients who died of inflammation or hectic fever following tubercle. In only one of these, a patient suffering from a deep burn and afflicted with melancholia, was any particular change in the nerve-cells observed. In the others the granula seemed to be somewhat less in quantity. They consider these granules to minister to the nutrition of the nerve-cells. They have come to the conclusion that there is no typical alteration of the ganglion cells following a febrile rise of temperature, nor could they detect any specific alteration in the other tissues. WILLIAM W. IRELAND

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*Syphilis des Centralnervensystems* [*Syphilis of the Central Nervous System*]. Von Dr. ERNST MEYER. Gustav Fischer in Jena. Pp. 35, 8vo.

These pages, originally printed in the *Centralblatt für Allgemeine Pathologie*, give a pretty complete account of the literature of the subject. Most authors think that the nervous system is now oftener attacked by syphilis than formerly, and that this is owing to diminished resistance, owing to the greater strain and excitement of life. Those who lead an anxious and dissipated life and who have not had a judicious antisyphilitic treatment are more liable to be so attacked. The nervous affections follow the syphilitic infection, sometimes as early as one month, and generally within the first year. Sometimes they supervene much later, even after six years.

Dr. Meyer describes in detail the pathological lesions in syphilis of the nervous system, and cites a number of cases.

The report gives evidence of much research and diligence.

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*Juridische Briefe*. Von Prof. Dr. MORITZ BENEDIKT. 1. Degeneration und Verbrechen.

*Juristische Briefe*. Von Demselben. 2. Geistesstörungen und Verbrechen. [*Juridical and Juristical Letters on Degeneration, Crime, and Insanity*].

In these papers, reprinted from the *Allgemeinen österreichischen Gerichts-Zeitung*, the learned professor tries to impress upon the legal mind those views upon crime, responsibility, and punishment which he has so long advocated with so much eloquence and acumen. Dr. Benedikt is a well-known and welcome figure at the annual meetings of our Association and of the British Medical, and is well acquainted