

ner's Encyclopædia, 30 years ago, there has been no similar venture till the present. Probably encouraged by the success of Ziemssen's sixteen volumes, the publishers have undertaken the publication of an exhaustive treatise on Physiology in six volumes, to be finished in 1880. The writers are over twenty in number, and all eminent teachers, and the whole is edited by Hermann. The names of Hoppe-Seyler, Pflüger, du Bois-Raymond and Ludwig do not, for obvious reasons, appear amongst the contributors. The first part of the second volume contains Hermann's "General," and Prof. Sigmund Mayer's "Special Nervous Physiology." Both articles (300 pages together), are well worthy of their authors. The second part includes the spinal cord and brain (exclusive of cortex), by Prof. Eckhard, and the cortex cerebri, by Prof. Exner. Vol. 2 and part of Vol. 1 only are published. Each volume can be had separately.

E. G. GEOGHEGAN.

---

*Topische Diagnostik der Gehirnkrankheiten, Eine Klinische Studie. (Topical Diagnosis of Cerebral Diseases, a Clinical Study).* By HERMANN NOTHNAGEL. Berlin, 1879.

This clinical study of 600 pages supplies a much felt want. Professor Nothnagel has published several hundred cases, many of them his own, bearing on the localization of brain disease. They are arranged according to the parts of the brain affected. Thus, he commences with the cerebellum, and brings forward a number of cases which he classifies under the heads of recent hæmorrhage and embolus, stationary hæmorrhagic centres, etc. Then follows an analysis of these cases. The other parts of the brain are successively treated in the same manner. Any reference to physiological experiment is studiously avoided, and in the introduction we are half promised the physiological part as Vol. 2. The whole introduction on the subject of what cases can be utilized for localization should be read by anybody who wishes to turn his cases to advantage.

As a fair criticism would occupy too much space, we refrain altogether, merely advising everybody who takes an interest in the subject to read the book. It certainly deserves to be translated, and a good translation ought to repay the publisher.

E. G. G.