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To give a digest of the large number of books, pamphlets, and articles in the fifty periodicals which deal with the nervous system and its disorders, as well as of those in the general medical journals throughout the world, is an undertaking of unquestionable usefulness, and it has been begun in a manner commensurate to the greatness of the task. The learned editors are supported by fifty-three collaborators, comprising names already well known in German psychiatry, and others, younger men, who will most likely in the course of time also gain distinction.

Those engaged in research and in recording research have often felt the want of such a compendium, which will at once supply them with the gist of all that has been written in every tongue during the past year. The editors state that they have had some difficulty in laying their hands on foreign contributions, so that this first volume does not reach their ideal. They wish to give with compressed brevity an epitome of all that has been done in the year 1897.

To judge by the volume before us, the progress in neurology and psychiatry during that year must have been pretty considerable. The book contains 1500 pages royal octavo, and weighs about seven pounds. The editors promise a second volume for 1898 about the middle of this year. As such an undertaking must be very expensive it is to be hoped that all authors of books and papers bearing on the subjects dealt with in the Year-book will send copies to Dr. E. Mendel, c/o S. Karger, N.W. 6, Karlstrasse 15, Berlin, Prussia. Ample preparation is made to do justice to foreign literature. One learned doctor takes care of contributions in the Swedish, Danish, and Dutch languages, another in the Spanish, a third in the Italian, a fourth in Hungarian, and Dr. Flatau, one of the editors, reports on Polish and Russian literature. To give some idea of the comprehensive nature of the undertaking it may be mentioned that the volume commences with the methods of colouring preparations (Färbetechnik) of the nervous system, occupying eleven pages; then we have anatomy, macroscopic, and microscopic, then physiology of the nervous system, then pathological anatomy and pathology. The authors then go on to nervous diseases, and end with reports on asylums and reviews of books. We wish this undertaking all success, and hope that it will receive good support in Great Britain and the colonies.