sight of. Erb lectures on progressive muscular dystrophy, a term under which he proposes to group the diseases hitherto known as pseudo-hypertrophic paralysis, infantile and juvenile muscular atrophy, finding them all associated with similar changes in the muscles and an intact condition of the cord. Löwenfeld discusses the advance in the treatment of chronic disease of the cord, in which he lays great stress upon the careful employment of hydrotherapy. Strümpell, also, lectures upon traumatic neuroses, railway spine, &c., dividing them into general and local, the latter being of an hysterical nature, the former calling for a very guarded prognosis, and being not infrequently associated with organic traumatic lesions. Finally, Hofmeister has an excellent lecture on diabetes mellitus.

The book is thus one of varied contents, in which every one will find something of interest. If one were to single out any part of it for special praise, it would be the lectures dealing with the diseases of the nervous system.

Materia Medica, Pharmacology, and Therapeutics—Inorganic Substances. By CHAS. D. F. PHILLIPS, M.D. Second Edition. London: J. & A. Churchill. 1894.

WE can confidently recommend this book to the practitioner who wishes to refresh his memory concerning the physiological action of remedies, as well as to get some guidance in their practical administration. The sections dealing with treatment are well up to date, and the author states the result of his own experience, and also discusses the methods of other authorities. The volume is a most readable one. It displays throughout great clearness of statement in the discussion of pharmacological theories, and is singularly accurate and complete in detail.

Cancer and its Complications. By CHARLES EGERTON JENNINGS, M.D., M.S., F.R.C.S. Eng. Second Edition. London: Baillière, Tindall & Cox. 1893.

THE first edition of this work was reviewed in the *Glasgow Medical Journal* of March, 1890, and as there has been no material alteration in the second edition, beyond that of a wise reduction in price, we feel it somewhat superfluous to re-review the volume. The author seeks to elucidate the undernoted points, and attains his object, so far, with much