experienced and careful surgeons, such as Czerny, Walcott, Thornton, Cullingworth, Hueter, Claus, Peaslie, Thomas, and others have excised tumours of the kidney, believing the swelling to be due to such conditions as disease of the liver or ovaries, hydatid tumours of the spleen, hydronephrosis, pyonephrosis, &c.

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Diseases of the Joints and Spine. By HOWARD MARSH, F.R.C.S. New and revised edition, with 79 illustrations. London: Cassell & Co., Ltd.

To the student of medical literature it is most refreshing to come across a book like this. The printing is so beautiful and accurate, the style so lucid, the arrangement of matter so orderly, and the descriptions so comprehensive, that the most fastidious reader ought to be pleased. The first edition of the work appeared in 1886, so that the profession have had abundant opportunity of judging Mr. Marsh, whom they also know as the editor of some of the most delightful writings of his master, Sir James Paget. Indeed, not a few of the designations employed, doctrines taught, and even headings of chapters in this work recall to our memory the fascinating *Clinical Lectures and Essays*.

In the present volume, the diseases of joints are studied from the points of view of pathology and medicine, as well as of surgery, so that the physician and pathologist, and not only the surgeon, will find that Mr. Marsh can interest and instruct. The teaching is full of encouragement throughout, and this is one of its many pleasing features. Surgery has made huge strides in recent years, and the mortality of certain diseases of joints has been enormously reduced by improved methods of treatment; whilst the suffering entailed upon patients who come under judicious treatment at an early stage of the disease is quite trifling in comparison with what it was not long ago. The chapters dealing with excision of joints and with hip disease might be specially mentioned in relation to this aspect of the subject. But on the question of relative merit, we have no inclination to single out any one part of a work, so uniformly good, as better than another; we simply commend it in its entirety to the most favourable consideration of medical men.