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IN MEMORIAM

The pleasure incident to the work which these pages represent was marred by the death of one of our most valued assistants, a young man of rare gifts and great promise. The satisfaction in doing it was steeped in despair, for we knew that soon he must die. It was he alone, though he shared our certain knowledge, who comforted himself as though he would live the days allotted to man by the psalmist. He had been our intimate worker for two years. We had come to know his actual and potential possessions and we looked forward with confidence to their display, for the benefit of the sick and the poor, who made a singular appeal to him, and to whom he gave unsparingly his sympathy, his kindness, and his talents. He had concealed from us only his surpassing courage, his marvelous equanimity. He took life joyously, a light in his eye and a smile on his face, and he went to death like an Olympian youth bounding over a hurdle.

Friendship with him was a privilege, collaboration an inspiration, coöperation an incentive.

Insatiabiliter deflebimus æternumque  
Null dies nobis mærorum pectore demet.

LUCRETIUS





## PREFACE

I venture to hope that the general practitioner as well as the neurologist will find the clinical lessons of this volume profitable reading, and that study of the examples of disease here depicted will be useful to him in the diagnosis and interpretation of cases which he encounters.

The cases are selected from the large number that are presented by the staff of the First Division of the Neurological Institute at their bi-weekly conferences. Care has been taken to select examples of disease that are most likely to be encountered by the practitioner and which he finds difficult to interpret and diagnosticate satisfactorily.

The plan followed is to state succinctly the chief features of the patient's ailment and to outline the picture as it developed, hoping that this alone will suggest the diagnosis. Then the objective symptoms are enumerated and some explanation made of the way in which they indicate the correct diagnosis. In some instances a brief discussion of the differential diagnosis is appended; in others reference is made to the prognosis and treatment. The chief object, however, of these lessons is to discuss the diagnosis. The intelligent, successful treatment of any disease presupposes a correct or an approximately correct diagnosis; hence, the stress that is laid upon it. It was once a popular fiction that no successful treatment of nervous diseases existed, but that was at a time when no nervous diseases save epilepsy and hysteria were recognized.

The present volume is the first of a series which the personnel of the First Division of the Neurological Institute hope to publish annually, should they find that it is of use to their colleagues.

May, 1918.

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