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TRANSLATOR'S PREFACE.

ALTHOUGH but recently published in Paris, the Lectures of Professor Charcot on Diseases of the Nervous System have already taken a place amongst the classic works of medical literature, and been translated into several Continental languages. When preparing for the following version, it was judged best to await the appearance of the second French edition; thus the reader, in exchange for some delay, has been enabled to obtain the work in its most correct form, enlarged by about one-sixth. It was found inconvenient to reproduce the ten plates appended to the French volume.

It is proper to mention that these lectures were reported and edited in French by Dr. Bourneville, editor of 'Le Progrès Médical,' whose name or initial will be found attached to several notes.

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