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EDITORIAL

In this number of the JOURNAL we have tried to present some of the interesting features of MENINGOENCEPHALITIS. A perusal of the comprehensive table of the causes of this condition, as given by PROFESSOR COHEN in his diagnostic survey, makes one realise how many aetiological factors are involved in this clinical syndrome. It would obviously be impossible to present a number incorporating all of these conditions, but we have tried to show how to approach the matter from a diagnostic point of view. The series will be divided into two parts to be published in two consecutive numbers, one in March and the other in April. The next issue will include articles by

C. C. Worster-Drought, "The diagnosis of Meningococcal Meningitis."

N. G. Hulbert, "The diagnosis of non-specific Arachnoiditis."

R. E. Verney, "Cysticercosis."

E. Blake Pritchard, "Tuberculous Meningitis."

Harvey Jackson, "Surgery in relation to Meningoencephalitis."

We would like at this stage to thank PROFESSOR W. E. CARNEGIE DICKSON for his help regarding the illustrations in this number. All of them have been taken from the *Text-book of Pathology* by Beattie and Dickson, published by Wm. Heinemann (Medical Publications), Ltd., but certain figures have been reproduced in a slightly different size. We would like to thank the publishers for their very considerable help in lending the various blocks to us. We feel very strongly that without the illustrations much of the interest in the text would have been lost. At a later date it is hoped to publish a full and critical review of this *Text-book of Pathology*, but in the meantime suffice it to say that those wishing to know more of the pathology of central nervous disease, and especially of meningoencephalitis, would be well advised to read the section "Pathology of the Nervous System" in this very fine text-book.

It may be with some surprise that no reference is found in this series to syphilitic meningoencephalitis, but it appears that this is a subject on which the neurological pundits are to some extent divided. We thought, therefore, that it would be better to leave this out and to have a section on syphilitic nervous disease at a later date.

In the May number of the JOURNAL we shall be devoting a series of articles to a discussion of the merits and demerits of MASS RADIOGRAPHY as a weapon to be used against pulmonary tuberculosis.

In the June number a series of articles relating to STERILITY will be published.



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