

ences and observations in China—some of them thrilling, many pathetic and others humorous. Mrs. Williams, and her daughter Henrietta, some of whose letters are also included, both died before the Boxer rebellion, and so did not share in Mr. Williams' flight across the desert of Gobi.

THE PSYCHIC TREATMENT OF NERVOUS DISORDERS. By Dr. Paul Dubois. 8vo. Funk & Wagnalls Company. 1909.

A book from the pen of the distinguished professor of neuropathology in the University of Berne will naturally be an authority on all such matters, and will as naturally be a book for experts. This is both. It is written in the dialect of the schools, and abounds in technicalities that demand of the reader that he be an animated lexicon. When on the first page one meets such words and phrases as "empiricism," "synthesis," "diagnoses," "pathological anatomy," "cellular pathology"; and, on the second, "microbes," "etiology," "antisepsis," "asepsis," "micro-organisms," "lesions," "antiseptics," "operative interventions," etc., a layman may well feel that he reads at a decided disadvantage. In fact, it is plain that such a book is not meant for the common eye.

Looking at it, therefore, as a scientific treatise for trained minds, and specialists, it is comparatively exhaustive. Its thirty-five chapters cover over 460 pages, and contain nearly 200,000 words. They deal with the subject historically, scientifically and experimentally; philosophically, practically and professionally. From not a few positions and conclusions we should personally dissent, but such dissent would weigh but little from those who are not experts. The main body of the work seems rational and empirical: whether the experiments justify all the inferences and inductions many will question.

The author gives a sort of summary of his views in the conclusion. He maintains that self-cure is within reach of most patients, if they will neglect trifling ailments, and occupy the mind with the best and not worst things—

minify and not magnify disorders, and cherish an optimism that sheds sunlight even over a dark landscape. He sees great hope in altruism—to be concerned with others and not be selfishly introspective; to avoid the egoism that is absorbed in one's own conditions, and cultivate the self-oblivion that makes possible a life ministry to mankind, is a sort of mental and moral hygiene. If one can not take refuge in optimism and altruism, he can at least in stoicism take ailments as a part of inevitable fate, and stubbornly and silently stand like an anvil while disease plies its hammers.

This is philosophical—to some it may be religious. As to all this class of books, we incline to think that psychotherapy is a little *overdone*. Everything nowadays runs to hypnosis and auto-hypnosis, extra-suggestion and auto-suggestion. There is danger of a new fad. For a half-century the science of medicine has been drifting in one of two directions—toward materialism on one hand, and spiritualism on the other. Some would trace every ill flesh is heir to to some hostile germ; others to some mental condition, or hysterical self-persuasion. Hence for the former the remedy is antitoxins or germicides; for the other, mental treatment, psychotherapy. Mankind, like a pendulum, swings to the limit of the arc one way, and then equally far the other—excessive medication—no medication. Perhaps we shall get to the golden mean some day. Meanwhile it may be well to recognize both matter and mind, and their reciprocal influence, and, above all, God.

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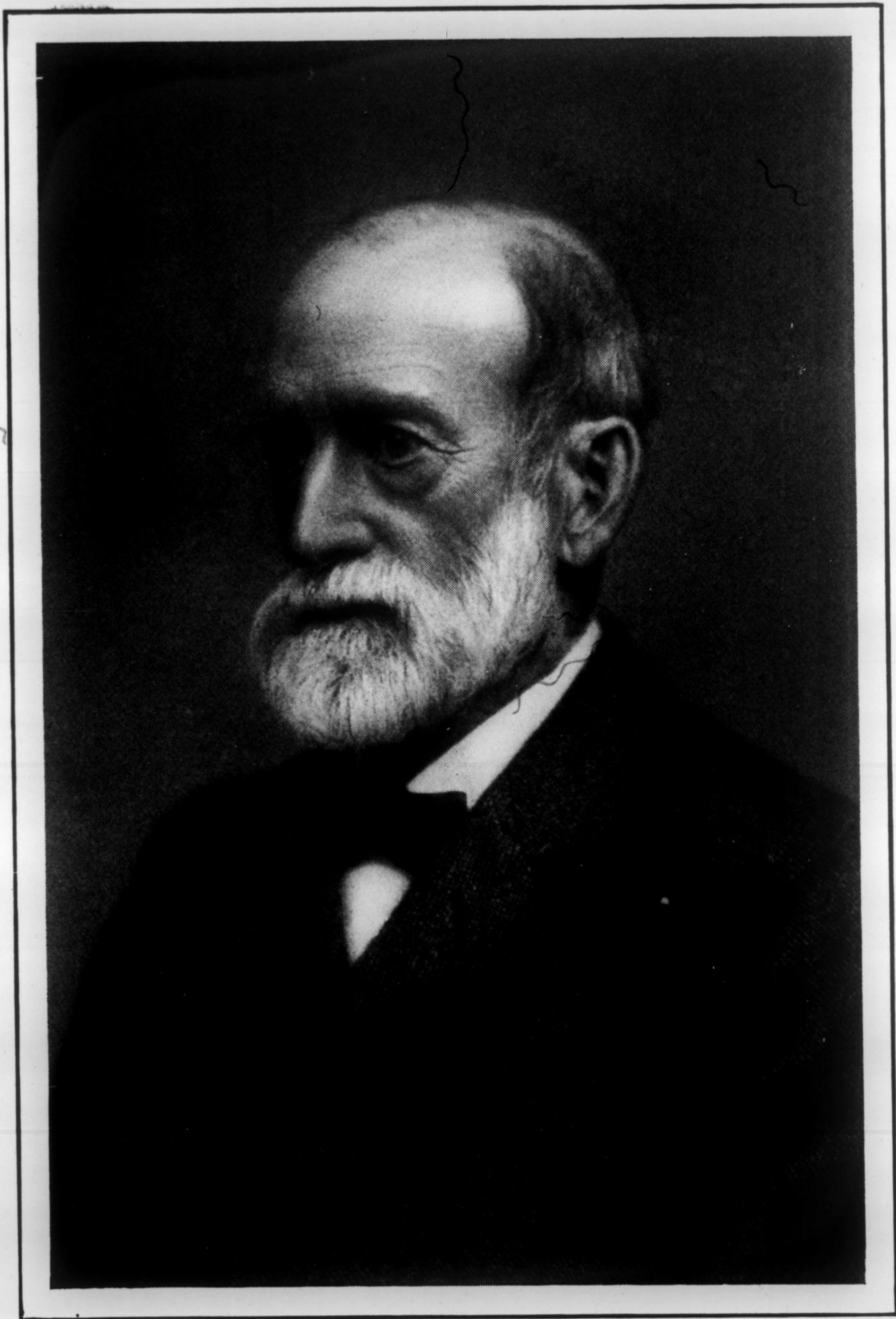


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