with only eight beds for women. This adventurous new development owed its origin to the efforts of a Miss Johanna Chandler, a middle-aged woman in poor health, who was shocked by the absence of charities to provide for the paralysed, and "decided to devote her life to supply this great want". This worthy ambition happily coincided before long with a flood of advancing knowledge with regard to the nervous system which attracted some of the best brains in medicine, as a rapidly progressing specialty always should.

In this short book the author describes the dramatic growth of the hospital and the striking personalities of many famous physicians and surgeons who contributed to the unique position of "Queen Square" in neurological history.

Miss Johanna Chandler could hardly have anticipated that her dream would emerge into such a highly scientific organization for diagnosis, treatment, and research, but perhaps she might even to-day feel that there is still more to be done towards relieving the suffering of the paralysed. Those who have worked in the National will wish to have a copy of this interesting book.


This little book sets out to help the practitioner or research worker to find what he is looking for in a medical library—a task which he often finds beyond him—and it more than adequately achieves this aim. Those who have been mystified by the formidable array of index cards which is the \textit{vade mecum} of any library will find such mysteries elucidated in the chapter on catalogues; and there is, too, a useful chapter giving the various sources of information available for readers who are not fully acquainted with the existing literature on their subject.

In a handbook of this sort it is perhaps questionable whether the historical details given in the newly-added section on abstracting services add more to its value than the full list of these given in the first edition, but there can be no doubt about the usefulness of the list of principal libraries in Britain which gives not only their size and scope but also their accessibility to the would-be reader.

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