

Book Reviews.

A Text-Book of Clinical Diagnosis. By Laboratory Methods. For the use of Students, Practitioners, and Laboratory Workers. By L. NAPOLEON BOSTON, A.M., M.D., Associate in Medicine and Director of the Clinical Laboratories of the Medico-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia; formerly Bacteriologist at the Philadelphia Hospital and at the Ayer Clinical Laboratory of the Pennsylvania Hospital. Octavo volume of 547 pages, with 320 illustrations, many of them in colors. Philadelphia, New York, London: W. B. Saunders & Co., 1904. Cloth, \$4.00 net; Sheep or Half Morocco, \$5.00 net. Canadian Agents: J. A. Carveth & Co., Limited, 434 Yonge Street, Toronto.

Dr. Boston here presents a practical manual of those clinical laboratory methods which furnish a guide to correct diagnosis, giving methods that can be carried out by the busy practitioner in his office as well as by the student in the laboratory. He has given special attention to outlining in progressive steps the various procedures in clinical technic, such steps being illustrated wherever possible. All the more recent methods for the examination and staining of blood are described and illustrated by original drawings, and the subject of serum-diagnosis is very carefully considered. The newer methods for the estimation of sugar, Bence-Jones' albumin, uric acid, and purin have received thoughtful consideration. The subjects of animal parasites, diseases of the skin, transudates and exudates, and secretions of the eye and ear are very fully treated. Attention has also been paid to inoscopy and cyto-diagnosis.

A Text-Book of Legal Medicine. By FRANK WINTHROP DRAPER, A.M., M.D., Professor of Legal Medicine in Harvard University; Medical Examiner for the County of Suffolk, Massachusetts. Octavo volume of 573 pages, fully illustrated. Philadelphia, New York, London: W. B. Saunders & Company, 1905. Canadian agents: J. A. Carveth & Co., Limited, 434 Yonge Street, Toronto.

The subject of legal medicine is one of great importance, especially to the general practitioner, for it is to him that calls to attend cases which may prove to be medicolegal in character most frequently come. Dr. Draper has written his work both for the general practitioner and the medical student. He has not only cited illustrative cases from standard treatises on forensic medicine, but these he has supplemented with details from his own exceptionally full experience—an experience gained during his service as Medical Examiner for the City of Boston for the past twenty-six years. During this time his investigations have comprised nearly eight thousand deaths under a suspicion of violence. The author's long teaching career has enabled him to state facts and detail procedures with a clearness rarely met in a work on legal medicine. Withal, we think Dr. Draper's book is unusually satisfactory: it is more,—it surpasses our expectations.