

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE HUMAN BODY. A manual of Human Embryology. By J. Playfair McMurrich, A.M., Ph.D., Professor of Anatomy in the University of Toronto; formerly Professor of Anatomy in the University of Michigan. Third edition, revised and enlarged. With two hundred and seventy-seven illustrations. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston's Son & Co., 1012 Walnut Street. 1907.

It is with great pleasure that we received the above publication for review, coming as it does from the pen of one whose personality and work is well known in our medical circles. The general arrangement adhered to has been to divide the work into two parts, the first covering the ground of general development, and the second that of the special system and organs. In the earlier chapters we find full and comprehensive descriptions of spermatogenesis, the ovum and its maturation, formation of the germ layers, development of external forms of the embryo, and finally the medullary groove, somites, membranes and their formation are discussed.

The reading matter has been most fully illustrated with original drawings, plates, micro-photographs and diagrams which prove of the greatest value to the reader. Some of the colored plates are particularly clear and convincing. Passing to the second part, that embracing the subject of organogeny, we find the author has taken the various systems, such as the muscular, circulatory, respiratory, etc., and dealt with each in a separate chapter. That on the nervous system especially attracted our attention. The volume is concluded with a reference to post-natal development, which contains much valuable information.

We cannot praise the work too highly. Its use is apparent, not only to the embryologist, but to the careful student of anatomy, and we beg to offer to Professor McMurrich our heartiest congratulations on the excellence of his production.

DISEASES OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM. Edited by Archibald Church, M.D., Professor of Nervous and Mental Diseases and Medical Jurisprudence, Northwestern University Medical Department, Chicago, Ill. An authorized translation from "Die Deutsche Klinik," under the general editorial supervision of Julius L. Salinger, M.D. With 195 illustrations in the text, and five colored plates. Pages 1160. Cloth. Price \$7.50. London and New York: D. Appleton & Co.

In this excellent volume Dr. Church presents to the profession one of the most valuable works on Diseases of the Nervous Sys-