

### Books and Pamphlets.

**PHYSIOLOGICAL FACTORS OF THE NEUROSES OF CHILDHOOD.** By B. K. Rachford, M.D., Professor of Physiology, and Clinician to Children's Clinic, Medical College of Ohio. 12mo., 130 pp. Cloth, net, \$1. Cincinnati: The Robert Clarke Co. Toronto: Carveth & Co.

This little book is for the most part a republication of a series of papers which appeared in the *Archives of Pediatrics*. The August number of the *Archives*, in which the last of this series appeared, contained a four-page editorial on these papers, of which the following is the opening paragraph:

"The chapter which appears in the present issue of the *Archives* brings to a close the admirable series of papers by Dr. Rachford, on 'Certain Physiological Factors of the Neuroses of Childhood.' The series has been one of great interest, and has presented the result of much original research."

In their republication in book form these papers have been revised and many additions have been made. The chapter on Auto-intoxication has been entirely re-written, so as to include the extensive research work of the author on this subject. The book is an etiological study of a group of diseases which are the most common of childhood. It stands alone in the field it attempts to occupy.

**PATHOLOGY AND TREATMENT OF DISEASES OF THE SKIN, for Practitioners and Students.** By Dr. Moriz Kuposi, Professor of Dermatology and Syphilis, and Chief of the Clinic and Division for Skin Diseases in the Vienna University. With eighty-four illustrations. Translation of the last German edition, under the supervision of James C. Johnston, M.D. New York: William Wood & Co. Toronto: Carveth & Co. 1895.

The name of the author is a sufficient guarantee of the excellence of the work in the original. The translator has made an extremely interesting and lucid work in English out of it.

It is in the form of lectures, which contain the views of Hebra, modified as far as has become necessary by the advancement of modern science, amplified by the original researches of the author and presented to the reader in a most concise and attractive form. To all English-speaking physicians and especially to those who read only their own language, this excellent translation of a great and practical work opens up a mine of surpassing wealth.

Students will find it invaluable as a book of reference.

**A TREATISE ON THE NERVOUS DISEASES OF CHILDREN, for Physicians and Students.** By B. Sachs, M.D., Professor of Mental and Nervous Diseases in the New York Polyclinic; Consulting Neurologist to the Mt. Sinai Hospital; Neurologist to the Montefiore Home for Chronic Invalids; Ex-President of the American Neurological Association. One volume, 688 pp., 8vo., illustrated by 169 engravings in black and color, and a colored plate. Muslin, \$5.00. New York: William Wood & Co. Toronto: Carveth & Co. 1895.

The author has chosen a very fertile, and to a great extent virgin, field for his work. To speak candidly we would not, before the appearance of the present volume, have believed it possible to produce such a work on the nervous diseases of children alone. There was room for such a book, as the physician often feels a need of wider information regarding these diseases than is found in text-books on pediatrics.

The work includes all those diseases which either occur frequently in early life, or which, when occurring at the period, have some distinctive features.

The introductory chapter on methods of examination, including examination schemes, cranial measurements, Preyer's observations, visual tests, action of muscles, sensory distribution, gait, reflexes and electrical examination, is one which is worth the price of the whole book to any practitioner — not a specialist, who will take the trouble to assimilate it.

It reduces the examination of a child, often so very unsatisfactory, to as nearly a scientific basis, as can be done with our present knowledge and methods.

While the reader is referred to the larger text-books on nervous diseases for detailed descriptions, yet the author has considered it expedient to give a short, but sufficient, account of the anatomy, physiology, and pathology of the chief divisions of the nervous system, a feature which will be found very useful.

Functional diseases such as convulsions, epilepsy, hysteria, chorea, headaches, disorders of sleep, etc., are first discussed; then the organic diseases of the nervous system are taken in the sequence indicated by their natural relationship.

It is a practical and useful book and should find a place in the library of every physician who has to do with children. The illustrations, for the most part original, are excellent, as is also the letter-press and binding.