

The book is well written, in good English, and the author, as he says, takes no dogmatic stand, but freely discusses the different psychoses from all view points. The book should be read by every physician who is interested in the mental welfare of his patients and the community.

**MIND AND ITS DISORDERS.** A Text-Book for Students and Practitioners. By W. H. B. Stoddart, M.D., Lond., F.R.C.P., Lecturer on Mental Diseases to St. Thomas's Hospital, etc. Third Edition. Illustrated. Demy. 8vo. Publishers: H. K. Lewis & Co., Limited, 136 Gower Street, London, W. C. 1.

Dr. Stoddart's well-known book, "Mind and Its Disorders," of which the third edition is now issued, needs no introduction to the medical profession. It has always been considered one of the best text-books for students and practitioners of medicine printed in the English language.

In the preface to the third edition, Dr. Stoddart says: "Since the last edition I have fundamentally changed my attitude towards mental disease, having personally investigated very many patients by the psycho-analytic method, and thus being convinced of the truth of Freud's doctrines. Mental disease can only be understood by studying the psychology of the unconscious mind of the patient, and the physical manifestations of a functional nervous disorder must be regarded as secondary, not primary, as I taught in the first edition." Dr. Stoddart, like so many psychiatrists, has swung over to Freud's theories, and this is unfortunate. It is well recognized by every psychiatrist that the best way of looking at mental diseases to-day is from the individual psychological viewpoint, and in teaching us to take this viewpoint, Professor Freud has helped a great deal. There has, however, been too much of a tendency to think of and treat a patient from a purely Freudian viewpoint, with considerations of sex always in the foreground.

The anatomical, physiological and psychological divisions of psychiatry are well placed before the reader in this volume. The author discusses the different classifications of normal and abnormal psychology, giving the ideas of different psychiatrists. The third part of the book on mental diseases is well written, and covers the whole field of psychiatry in a modern and up-to-date manner.