

Probably no one had a richer clinical field in the department of psychiatry than the author, during his experience of thirty-three years spent in teaching and in the observation of the insane. His work has been the recognized clinical text book for many years in most of the Continental universities, but now for the first time makes its appearance in English, thanks to Dr. C. G. Chaddock, who has furnished us with a really admirable translation.

Dr. Krafft-Ebing in his text-book has given us essentially the views of German alienists, and has made his exposition of psychology and psychopathology especially clear and prominent. The work is divided into three books, each of which is again sub-divided into several parts, the whole forming a compendium of almost all that is known in a still obscure field of general medicine. Book I, is an introduction to the study of psychiatry; book II, treats of the general pathology and therapy of insanity; and book III, deals with the special pathology and therapy of mental diseases. The portions of book II, relating to the anomalies of the emotional, intellectual and motor sides of mental life are especially valuable, while the chapter on paranoia, in part III, is one of the best and most lucid expositions of this interesting and very important disorder that we have yet seen. The cases recorded are aptly selected, well depicted and form a meritorious adjunct to the letter press proper. As might be expected from the author of "*Psychopathia Sexualis*," considerable, and to our mind, undue stress is laid on morbid erotic manifestations as symptomatic of mental disturbance.

Taken as a whole the work is an important addition to the literature of this subject. For the purposes of the student there are books, such as those of Clouston, Blandford, Brower and Bannister, or Peterson, which will always be more popular; but for the specialist and the general practitioner, who takes more than a passing interest in the subject of psychiatry, Krafft-Ebing's book will be found extremely useful and instructive.

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This is a continuation of No. III., of the series, which was compiled by the late Dr. Wyatt Johnston and published by the General Hospital in 1896. With the present publication, there is available the outlines of 2,037 autopsies, in which each condition mentioned in the anatomical diagnosis is indexed, so that the frequency of any condition, and the