

*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 & Co. 1905. Cloth, \$4.00 net. Canadian agents: J. A. Carver & Co., Limited, 434 Yonge St., Toronto.

Dr. Draper's "Text-Book of Legal Medicine" is undoubtedly modern, and contains most of the latest advances made in this subject. We cannot, however, think that there is much in it that is not contained in the books already on the market, though its handy size and simple style will attract many readers who find the average System too cumbersome and unwieldy.

*The Thyroid and Parathyroid Glands.* By HUBERT RICHARDSON, M.D., late Pathologist to Mount Hope Retreat; Pathologist to Maryland Asylum and Training School for Feeble-Minded Children; Demonstrator of Physiologic Chemistry, University of Maryland. With seventy-seven half-tone illustrations made from special drawings by F. P. Wightman. Pp. 261. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston's Son & Co., 1012 Walnut Street. 1905.

The author presents an extremely interesting and instructive monograph on this subject, and at present there is hardly any field which requires more careful attention from the profession than that of the diseases of the thyroid and parathyroids and their appropriate treatment.

At the outset the author deals with the historical facts regarding the development of our knowledge of the functional value of the ductless glands of the body and particularly with the suggestions which have been made from time to time to use different animal organs of this category as therapeutic agents for administration in disease. The anatomy of the thyroid and of the parathyroids and the physiology of these organs are discussed and a special chapter is devoted to the Chemistry of the Thyroid Gland. The succeeding chapters include a consideration of the subject under the following heads: Goitre; Surgery of the Thyroid Gland, the Thyroid in Infectious Disease, Acute Thyroiditis, Syphilis of the Thyroid, Cretinism, Myxedematous Infantilism, Myxedema, Basedow's Disease, Thyroid Feeding in General Therapeutics, finally a bibliography and index.

The author's conclusions regarding the treatment of exophthalmic goitre (Basedow's Disease) are that "the medicinal treatment of Basedow's Disease has not so far proved very satisfactory, and the opinion of to-day is in favor of surgical interference." He adds that "many cases can, however, be improved and even cured by careful attention to details and by the intelligent use of drugs."