

DISEASES OF THE PANCREAS.

Diseases of the Pancreas, its cause and nature. By Eugene L. Opie, M. D., Associate in Pathology in the Johns Hopkins University; Fellow of the Rockefeller Institute of Medical Research. Philadelphia and London: J. B. Lippincott Company. Montreal: Charles Roberts, 1524 Ontario Street.

It is genuine pleasure to review an original thesis of such merit as the present volume of 350 pages proves itself to be. Under the headings of anatomy, anomalies, histology, inflammation, hæmorrhages, fat necrosis, interstitial changes, hyaline degenerations, diabetes mellitus, and treatment, the reader is furnished with much valuable information. Throughout the book, the remarks on etiology and symptomatology are both useful and interesting. On the relationship between disease of the pancreas and diabetes mellitus, the author states that more than half of all cases of diabetes is due to destructive lesion of the pancreas, and that the destruction is mainly in the islands of Langerhans. Another interesting portion of the book is that dealing with the connection between gall-stones and acute hæmorrhagic pancreatitis. In the treatment of diabetes mellitus, due to disease in the pancreas, the administration of pancreatic extract has been found to be beneficial in many cases, more particularly when there is inability to digest fats and there is an escape of these in the faeces. We can not only recommend but we can praise the book.

 POST-MORTEM PATHOLOGY.

A Manual of Post-Mortem Examinations and the Interpretations to be drawn therefrom. A Practical Treatise for Students and Practitioners. By Henry W. Cattell, A.M., M.D., Pathologist to the Philadelphia Hospital and the West Philadelphia Hospital for Women, and Sometime Director of the Josephine M. Ayer, Clinical Laboratory of the Pennsylvania Hospital; Senior Coroner's Physician of Philadelphia; Pathologist to the Presbyterian Hospital; Prosecutor of the American Anthropometric Society; Demonstrator of Morbid Anatomy in the University of Pennsylvania, etc. With 162 Illustrations. Philadelphia and London: J. B. Lippincott Company, Montreal: Charles Roberts, 1524 Ontario Street.

To begin with, this octavo volume of 375 pages is got up in the very best possible style. The binding, paper, printing, and illustrations leave nothing to be desired. The book deals with the whole question of making Post-Mortems, and the information to be gained from the gross appearance of the various organs. Much useful information is furnished on the subject of making bacterial examinations. Comparative post-mortems are also taken up at some length. A very important chapter is added on medico-legal suggestions. The International classification of the causes of death is given in full, consisting of fourteen classes and 179 designated causes of death. We should think this book would be of the utmost value to pathologists.