

Morphinism and Narcomania from opium, cocaine, ether, chloral, chloroform and other narcotic drugs; also the etiology, treatment and medico-legal relations. By T. D. CROTHERS, M.D., Superintendent of Walnut Lodge Hospital, Conn.; Professor of Mental and Nervous Diseases, New York School of Clinical Medicine, etc. Handsome 12mo of 351 pages. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders & Co., 1902. Cloth, \$2.00 net. Canadian Agents: J. A. Carveth & Co., Parliament Street, Toronto.

The alarming increase in the last few years of morphomania and the associated various narcomanias imperatively demands immediate attention by the medical profession. Every year the increasing prominence of this psychosis calls for more exact studies, with a fuller recognition of the conditions and causes of the disease. Medicolegally, questions of responsibility have been asked with increasing frequency, and there has been no literature and no study of the subject to afford an intelligent answer until this present volume was initiated.

The special object of this work has been to group the general facts and outline some of the causes and symptoms common to most cases, and to suggest general methods of treatment and prevention. The object could not have been better accomplished. The work gives a general preliminary survey of this new field of psychopathy, and points out the possibilities from a larger and more accurate knowledge, and so indicates degrees of curability at present unknown. The author shows his absolute familiarity with his subject in the clear, concise and in every way admirable work which he has given to the profession, whom he has placed under merited obligations.

Dr. A. M. Rosebrugh, of Confederation Life Building, Toronto, intimates that hereafter he proposes devoting himself more exclusively to the medical treatment of alcoholism. A little over a year ago the doctor retired from the medical staff of St. Michael's Hospital (to which institution he has given his services gratuitously for over eight years) to enable him to devote more time to the study and treatment of inebriety as well as to promote the adoption of the proposed bill for the treatment of indigent inebriates. Dr. Rosebrugh will devote himself more especially to the home-treatment of incipient inebriety.