

*A Clinical Text-book of Medical Diagnosis for Physicians and Students Based on the most Recent Methods of Examination.* By OSWALD VIERORDT, M.D., Professor of Medicine at the University of Heidelberg; formerly Privat-docent at the University of Leipzig; late Professor of Medicine and Director of the Medical Polyclinic at the University of Jena. Authorized translation with additions by FRANCIS H. STUART, M.D., Member of the Medical Society of the County of Kings, New York; Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine; Member of the British Medical Association, etc. Fourth American edition from the fifth German, revised and enlarged. With 194 illustrations. Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders, 925 Walnut Street; Toronto: J. A. Carveth & Co. 1898.

At the outset Dr. Vierordt, who for many years occupied the position of Teacher of Diagnosis in the Medical Clinic at the University of Leipzig, thought of publishing a much more extensive work, going into a detailed explanation of normal and pathological anatomy and physiology as being the necessary foundation for diagnosis. He later abandoned this idea, as leading to a work of too great scope. The author has made it plain all through his writings that in going into the subject it is but wise to make particular use of our senses, especially that of the unaided eye, besides availing ourselves of the finer methods of diagnosis. It is not, Dr. Vierordt points out, right to think of depending upon a chemical reaction for a diagnosis, or upon research in the laboratory by means of the microscope. Each case, he says, must be individualized in order to be correct. We find in this new edition of the work that the author has made the most revision in the part devoted to gastric digestion, and many changes also in that referring to examinations of the nervous system. We must express a little surprise that the application of the X-rays has been entirely omitted from this edition, though, perhaps, many will agree that in its infantile and undeveloped stage this was but wise. We feel, after a careful perusal, that with this work at hand any physician of even moderate ability can become a diagnostician of no mean ability.

*Psychopathia Sexualis: A Medico-Legal Study.* By DR. R. VON KRAFFT-EBING. Philadelphia: The F. A. Davis Company.

This notorious work has attracted a great deal of attention from the medical profession both in Europe and America; and as a study of some of the phenomena of degeneration may be considered a very valuable addition to the literature of the subject. Especially in large centres of population, where the various forms of perversion are most common, will such a book as this be a most needed acquisition to the physician who, in his professional life, is forced to face fairly the revolting facts here treated of. But no more to the physician than to the criminal lawyer will this work be useful, throwing as it does a scientific light upon certain phases of emotion which would altogether puzzle the casual observer. We look forward with keen interest to the appearance of the erudite Austrian professor's work upon mental diseases. E. H. S.

*A Text-book upon Pathogenic Bacteria for Students of Medicine and Physicians.* By JOS MCFARLAND, M.D., Professor of Pathology in the Medico-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia; Pathologist to the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital and to the Rush Hospital for Consumption and allied diseases, Philadelphia; Fellow of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia. 134 illustrations. Second edition, revised and enlarged. Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders, 925 Walnut Street; Toronto: J. A. Carveth & Co. 1898.

The author in this work has closely adhered to pathogenic bacteria and their consideration, and has not attempted to cover the entire subject of parasites, those of higher order all having been omitted. He has not even touched upon the consideration of the higher fungi, or of malaria, or amœbic dysentery, simply owing to their not being bacteria, and because a proper consideration would involve too much work and the publication of too lengthy a volume. Dr. McFarland has adhered closely to his subject, though we do