

many authors and necessarily abbreviated. Truly the latter has its value in containing much that is needed for reference, but one requires the master hand to clearly describe in completeness the great subject he has made his lifework. And in this little understood study of the pathology of the kidney lies the key to the knowledge of those clinical cases which we group together vaguely as nephritis.

In the clearest of language, in the same manner that Oertel himself presented his subject through the five lectures he delivered in the New York City Hospital in 1909, there is described here his own views as to the one great disease he calls nephritis, which may be characterized by all the features of degeneration, exudation and productive changes, or be mainly distinguished by the development of one of these processes in excess of the others.

Away goes your framework of acute glomerular nephritis, of chronic interstitial or parenchymatous disease, and you assimilate while reading the well worked results of the master worker and get a new firm background to study your own clinical cases.

Pathology is usually dry reading to the physician, but one can sit down and digest the contents of this volume with more pleasure than the best clinical description, and it is with regret that the last page is reached.

The plates are splendid, the paper is good, but the material is superfine. It is impossible for a student of medicine to be well read on nephritis and to be without Oertel's masterpiece.

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