

author warns against too great operative zeal—a warning needed, perhaps, on this side of the Atlantic.

The translators' work is well done—they "having endeavored, as much as possible, to closely follow the German text"—although one meets constantly with the split infinitive, and the expression "per orem" for "per os."

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*Diagnostic Therapeutics.* A Guide for Practitioners in Diagnosis by Aid of Drugs and Methods other than Drug-Giving. By ALBERT ABRAMS, A.M., M.D. (Heidelberg). Consulting Physician to the Mount Zion Hospital and the French Hospital, San Francisco; formerly Professor of Pathology and Director of the Medical Clinic, Cooper Medical College (Medical Department of Leland Stanford Junior University), San Francisco. *Naturam Morborum Curationes Ostendunt.* With one hundred and ninety-eight illustrations. New York: Rebman Company, 1123 Broadway. Canadian agents: J. F. Hartz Co., Limited, Toronto.

Many subjects are common to both diagnosis and therapeutics, and as in all other branches of medicine overlapping occurs, and yet I consider it a distinct disadvantage to increase the medical library by conglomerate subject as "Diagnostic Therapeutics."

This work naturally includes under Etiology, drugs, food and other methods, all of which would be more fully taken up under Toxicology, Dietetics and Infective agents and physical diagnosis.

"Drugs in Diagnosis" is an excellent chapter, which would make an excellent manual by itself or a good addition to a therapeutic work. Its clinical value would be greater if its details were applied to the diseases themselves.

"Methods other than Drugs in Diagnosis"—Diets, Electric Testing Gymnastics, the Vibro-Suppressor, Litten Phenomena, Heliotherapy Lavage, etc., have their proper subjects in other volumes.

The last two chapters on "Etiologic-Diagnostic Therapeutics," distilled from Medicine and "The Diagnosis of Visceral Sufficiency" from Physical Diagnosis, are absolutely out of place even in this volume.

But while opposed to the material being used to form a new subject, yet Dr. Abrams has collected in this volume an enormous amount of valuable material, and much of it new, and knowing that he has already committed a "Physical Diagnosis" one feels that he