

Reviews

Periodicals—The attention of our readers is called to the advertisements of *Graphic*, *Daily Graphic*, *Bystander*, *Punch*, *Spectator*, *Illustrated English Magazine* and *Scientific American*.

The First Signs of Insanity. Their Prevention and Treatment.

By BERNARD HOLLANDER, M.D., Author of "The Mental Functions of the Brain," etc., etc. New York: Funk & Wagnalls Co.

The point of view from which this book has been written is not that of the special alienist inside the hospital for the insane, but the general practitioner, who first comes into contact with the early phases of mental disorder. Most men will appreciate nowadays that it is not necessary to await the verification of insanity in a patient to commence treatment, but rather to commence from the time the first symptoms manifest themselves. The first part of this book, therefore, deals with the various mental powers making up mind and character, their activities, under normal conditions as well as under diseased conditions. Part two deals with causes, such as heredity, disposition, mental and moral causes, inebriety, toxins, etc. Part three concerns itself with the treatment of mental infirmity and disease, while part four considers signs and symptoms, which should prove of the utmost value to general students and practitioners. To the medical practitioner, psychologist, sociologist and general student alike, the book should appeal as an interesting subject, dealing with the most far-reaching and dreaded of maladies. Now that the time is ripe for setting about preventive remedies in insanity, the book is a timely one.

Headache. Its Varieties, Their Nature, Recognition and Treatment. A Theoretical and Practical Treatise for Students and Practitioners. By DR. SIEGMUND AUERBACH, Chief of the Polyclinic for Nervous Diseases in Frankfurt. Translated by Ernest Playfair, M.R.C.P. One of the Oxford Medical Manuals, 208 pages (1913). Price, \$1.50. Toronto: D. T. McAinsh & Co.

This volume will assist practitioners in arriving at a clear differential diagnosis of the individual varieties of headache and enable them to apply the proper mode of treatment. Teachers, and consequently students, are all too prone to pass over minor mala-