

exhibit the highest degree of excellence—there have been none which contain more in so small a space, present the subject in clearer form, or, in a word, possess, to a greater degree, all the essentials of a very concise, yet authoritative, text-book on psychiatry. E. H. S.

On Failure of Brain Power—Its Nature and Treatment. By JULIUS ALTHAUS, M.D. London: Longmans, Green & Co. 1898.

In this interesting and useful volume the author has gathered together a large mass of facts which belong neither to insanity proper, nor to general medicine, yet which have a bearing upon certain nervous conditions with which the general practitioner is constantly meeting. The mode of treatment is sound, the matter is in touch with the most recent developments of scientific research, and the therapeutic suggestions are worthy of the closest attention.

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No. 5 John Street. By RICHARD WHITEING. Toronto: Methodist Book and Publishing House.

In this book the characters live, speak, and tell their own story—the story of life's contrast between the rich and the poor; pathetic, often grimly humorous, sometimes tragic, yet truthful. The book fascinates, and the interest never flags during the reading of it. The man who wrote the book is an artist, he paints his picture true to life, and lets his models pose themselves. He does not strain at a gnat, and give his readers a camel to swallow in the shape of a moral treatise; his characters tell the tale, and he leaves his readers to understand.

LITERARY NOTE.

"Imperative Surgery for the General Practitioner, the Specialist and the Recent Graduate." By Howard Lilienthal, M.D., Attending Surgeon to Mount Sinai Hospital, New York, is the title of a work on the press for immediate publication by The Macmillan Company. In a grave emergency, and in the absence of expert assistance, any physician may find himself obliged to perform the work of the surgeon. To shirk responsibility may cost a life or make a cripple. Dr. Lilienthal's book, which deals with just these conditions, will be a particularly valuable possession for the general practitioner and the recent graduate. The reader is not embarrassed by descriptions of a multiplicity of operations for the relief of a single diseased condition, but is presented in each instance with one good method, as simple in character as is consistent with good surgery. Original illustrations from drawings and photographs of the actual field of operation render the explanation still clearer. The book deals with fundamental principles.

PAMPHLETS, REPRINTS, ETC., RECEIVED.

"The Medical Treatment of Movable Kidney." By Alfred Stengel, M.D., Philadelphia.

"The Blood in Diseases of the Cardio-Vascular System." By Alfred Stengel, M.D., Philadelphia.

"Gastropexia—Report of a Case in which a New Operation was Undertaken, and the Patient Gradually Improved." By Alfred Stengel, M.D., Philadelphia.

"A Brief Onset in Typhoid Fever." By William Pepper, M.D., LL.D., and Alfred Stengel, M.D., Philadelphia.

Announcement of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, and Reports of Proceedings of Ontario Medical Council, July, 1899. For the academic year, 1899-1900.

"The Treatment of Hemorrhoids and Rectal Prolapse by Means of Interstitial Injections." By Dudley Wright, F.R.C.S. London: Henry J. Glaiser, 57 Wigmore Street, Cavendish Square West. 1899.