

NEUROTIC DISORDERS OF CHILDHOOD.

Including a Study of Auto and Intestinal Intoxication, Chronic Anæmia, Fever, Eclampsia, Epilepsy, Migraine, Chorea, Hysteria, Asthma, etc., by B. K. Rachford, M.D., Professor of Diseases of Children, Medical College of Ohio, University of Cincinnati; Pediatricist to the Cincinnati, Good Samaritan and Jewish Hospitals; Member of the American Pediatric Society, Association of American Physicians, etc. New York: E. B. Treat & Company, 241-243 West 23rd street, 1905. Price, \$2.75.

This is a compact, handsome volume of 440 pages. The first part deals with the general aspects of the subject matter of the book, such as the functions of the nerve cell, peculiarities of the nervous system of the child, toxæmias of intestinal, glandular, or bacterial origin, and excessive nerve activity. The second portion of the book discusses the individual neuroses. The book throughout is very suggestive and original in its method of treating familiar topics. From the viewpoint of the author, the reader sees these affections in a somewhat new light, and the relationship they bear to the constitutional states upon which they depend. The author possesses a clear and concise style which adds much to the pleasure of reading the book, which would be real enough on the grounds of its intrinsic merits. We can recommend this book as a decided addition to the literature of children's diseases. We are glad to believe that much more attention is being paid by the general practitioner to these diseases than was the case some years ago. Of the many books on children's ailments, the present volume is both interesting and instructive.

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