

*Nervous and Mental Diseases.* By ARCHIBALD CHURCH, M.D., Professor of Nervous and Mental Diseases and Medical Jurisprudence in North-Western University Medical School, Chicago; and FREDERICK PETERSON, M.D., Professor of Psychiatry, Columbia University. Sixth edition, revised and enlarged. Octavo volume of 944 pages, with 341 illustrations. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company, 1908. Cloth, \$5.00.

That this comprehensive work has already reached the sixth edition, the first one appearing in 1899, attests its merit and popularity beyond question.

The section on Neurology (650 pages) is rich in illustrations, and while complete in the elucidation of principles, it is at the same time concise; in it the more recent teachings of modern investigators in this field are presented as briefly as their importance will permit. A new chapter of much interest appears on psychasthenia, differentiating it from neurasthenia and limiting it to middle ground between nervous and mental diseases; it embraces such conditions as obsessions, phobias, impulses and kindred manifestations of defective inhibitory power.

The section on mental diseases (nearly 300 pages) includes an exhaustive review of recent problems in psychiatry prepared by Dr. Adolf Meyer, Director of the Pathological Institute of the New York State Hospitals. In this review the doctrines accepted by Kraepelin, Ziehen and Wernicke are separately examined and compared with each other in order that the reader may easily become acquainted with their individual views on psychiatric questions.

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