

tions that the student and busy practitioner will find the work both interesting and instructive. He includes in his observations:

"1st.—Facial color, fine and course facial movements.

"2nd.—Bodily movements, gestures, gait and attitude.

"3rd.—Permanent characteristics, such as stature, shape of body, head, face and conformation of features."

To every sympathetic visitor of an asylum the physiognomy of the inmates is a constant reminder of the mental disaster which has overtaken them; and the observation of the lamentable change of facial expression is attended with a regret similar to, but deeper than, that which is experienced in viewing a mutilated painting of great beauty or a broken statue of priceless worth. To anyone interested in the study of the working of those marvellously innervated muscles of the face which, in health, portray the thoughts and emotions, this unpretentious little volume will be especially welcome.

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*The Blues (Splanchnic Neurasthenia). Causes and Cure.* By ALBERT ABRAMS, A.M., M.D. (Heidelberg), F.R.M.S. New York: E. B. Treat & Co.

We are not much impressed from a perusal of this work. The title is not prepossessing from a professional point of view, and had it been entitled "The Dumps" it would possibly have been more typically Western than it is. The author describes Dowicism as suggestion, plus prayer and holy terror. Homeopathy as suggestion plus nothing, allopathy as suggestion plus tubfuls of medicine, which may either kill or cure, while he describes regular or rational medicine (which he presumably practises) as suggestion plus the best common horse-sense available, leaving one to examine the necessary qualifications for such a practice.

We consider it a serious mistake to attempt to discuss scientifically so serious a malady as neurasthenia under so light a title, simply because some of the laity may make use of it.

*Subjective Sensations of Sight and Sound, Abiotrophy, and other Lectures.* By SIR WILLIAM R. GOWERS, M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.S., Hon. Fellow Royal College of Physicians, Ireland; Member of the Soc. Medicins Russes of St. Petersburg, and of the Royal Soc. of Science of Upsala, etc. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston's Son & Co., Limited. Canadian agents: Chandler & Massey Limited, Toronto, Montreal and Winnipeg.

In this handsome volume of 250 octavo pages, the author has presented ten of his charming lectures to the profession, and each one is an absorbing study in itself.