

BOOK REVIEWS

SEROLOGY OF NERVOUS AND MENTAL DISEASES.

By D. M. Kaplan, M.D., Director of Clinical and Research Laboratories of the Neurological Institute, New York City. Octavo of 346 pages, illustrated. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company, 1914. Cloth, \$3.50 net. The J. F. Hartz Company, Toronto, Canadian agents.

This volume deals with a subject on which there is very little literature in book form, though a considerable amount in the form of journal articles. It was with the view of meeting this want that the author undertook the preparation of this work. The first portion of the book deals with technology. Under this heading the author discusses lumbar puncture, the properties of spinal fluid, and Wassermann reactions. The second section takes up serology in nervous and mental diseases of non-luetic etiology. Here we have discussed diseases of the brain, spinal cord, nerves, and miscellaneous nervous afflictions. The author enters very fully and carefully into the changes found in the spinal fluid in these diseases. The third section deals with the serology of nervous and mental diseases of luetic origin. In this section there is a full examination into the spinal fluid of tabes dorsalis, cerebro-spinal syphilis, and general paralysis. The last section takes up the therapeutics of salvarsan. This section is of special value, as it deals with a practical topic. It throws much light upon the proper method of using salvarsan, the preparation of the drug, the care of the patient both before and after the injections, and the complications. The author is deserving of the thanks of the medical profession for the painstaking and scientific manner in which he has performed a very difficult task. We can recommend this work and feel that it will prove of much service to those who consult its pages.

A TEXT-BOOK OF MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS.

By James M. Anders, M.D., Professor of the Theory and Practice of Medicine and of Clinical Medicine, Medico-Chirurgical College, of Philadelphia, and L. Napoleon Boston, M.D., Professor of Physical Diagnosis, Medico-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia. Second edition, thoroughly revised. Octavo of 1,248 pages, 500 illustrations, some in colors. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company, 1914. Cloth, \$6.00 net. The J. F. Hartz Company, Toronto, Canadian agents.

This really splendid work on medical diagnosis now appears in its second edition. This edition has been in preparation for the past two years, and contains the latest advances in physical and chemical diagnosis. Among some of the specially new matter may be mentioned