

REVIEWS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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"Immunity."

Because the study of immunity is no longer of merely theoretical interest nor of purely scientific importance, this work by Jules Citron should have a large number of readers. It serves a practical purpose in that it constitutes a text book passing in review various methods of immunity diagnosis, considering particularly those relating to tuberculosis and syphilis. It has been the author's aim to present his subject in such a way that the general medical man, although but slightly acquainted with laboratory work, could learn the details of the various reactions and their significance. In selecting the different methods, Dr. Citron has taken up those used by the clinic for diagnostic, therapeutic or prophylactic purposes, including, in addition, certain fundamental questions on immunity which, although perhaps at present only of theoretical interest may soon, as he points out, become of practical importance. The work is suitably illustrated and indexed.—*Immunity: Methods of Diagnosis for Practical Application.* By Jules Citron, Assistant at the University Clinic of Berlin. Translated from the German and edited by A. L. Garbet, M.D., Assistant Pathologist, German Hospital, New York. 27 illustrations, two colored plates and eight charts. 209 pages. Philadelphia: P. Blackiston's Son and Co., 1012 Walnut Street.

"False Modesty."

Dr. Lowrey has become well known as the author of books on sexual hygiene which have received the endorsement of leading medical, educational and religious authorities. "False Modesty" is his latest. The book is a sequel to his recent series of articles on the white slave traffic and is designed to bring facts to the attention of fathers and mothers that they may see the necessity for early and proper instruction for both boys and girls in matters pertaining to sex. The seven chapter headings are as follows: Results of Ignorance The Virgin's Sacrifice; The Father's Duty to His Son; Rural Pitfalls; Woman's Inhumanity to Woman; Homeless Girls;

Teaching the Science of Motherhood; and, the Coming Educational Reform.—*False Modesty, That Protects Vice by Ignorance.* By E. B. Lowrey, M.D. Chicago: Forbes and Co. 50c.

"Home Nurse's Handbook of Practical Nursing."

Charlotte A. Aikens writes well and gives to the women of the home, in the "Home Nurse's Handbook of Practical Nursing," a volume dealing with home nursing as distinct from the elaborate technique of hospital practice—designed as a guide to the home girl or woman who seriously desires to fit herself to do her best for her own family and as a working text book for the practical nurse or trained attendant who desires to be a useful helper to the physician in home sickness. The author gives special attention to the care of babies and maternity nursing, believing that such teaching is most essential for the young girl. The first step, she points out, towards attaining a better and more intelligent motherhood for American babies is to train girls in the elements of public hygiene and proper care of the sick. The author assumes in writing this book that her readers have had some previous instruction in the elements of physiology and hygiene.—*Home Nurse's Handbook of Practical Nursing. A Manual for use in home nursing classes, in young women's Christian associations, in schools for girls and young women, and a working text book for mothers, "practical" nurses, trained attendants, and all who have the responsibility of the home care of the sick.* By Charlotte A. Aikens. 12 mo. of 276 pages. Illustrated. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company, 1912. Toronto: The J. F. Hartz Co., Limited. Cloth. \$1.50 net.

"The Alphabet of the National Insurance Act."

Medical health officers and others will find this little book by C. G. Moran a time saving work of reference which may be thoroughly relied upon. It is more than an index, containing, as it does, references