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## BOOK REVIEWS.

*Aids to Surgical Diagnosis.* By H. W. CARSON, F.R.C.S., Surgeon Tottenham Hospital. London: Bailliere, Tindall & Cox, 8 Henrietta Street, Covent Garden. 1906. Canadian agents: J. A. Carveth & Co., Toronto, Canada.

This "Aid to Surgical Diagnosis," a well-printed little manual, would be useful to a student preparing for an examination in surgery, the main points in the diagnosis and differential diagnosis of the more common surgical diseases being given. As a work of ready reference, it would be a useful pocket companion to a young surgeon.

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*Text-book of Psychiatry for Physicians and Students.* By LEONARDO BIANCHI, M.D., Professor of Clinical Psychiatry and Neuro-pathology in the Royal University of Naples, etc. Translated from the Italian by James H. MacDonald, M.B., Ch.B., Glasgow. London: Bailliere, Tindall & Cox, Covent Garden.

This admirable work will be read with pleasure by all interested in psychiatry. Coming as it does from a country in which some of the most marked discoveries in the finer structure of the nervous system have emanated, one naturally expects an adequate representation of the latest researches in the physiology and histology of the nerve centres, and this work of Professor Bianchi's fully justifies our expectations. The author fully realizes that the only solid foundation on which to build a complete text-book of psychiatry is the morphology and histology of the brain, and the recent advances in Italy in these branches has given him an opportunity which he readily seized, and to which he has devoted a large share of the early part of his work. But the work itself is chiefly clinical, and it is precisely the combination of the physiological with the clinical which makes the work so valuable. To those practitioners of several years' standing who may not have had the opportunity of study in psychiatric wards this work will be found most useful, since in the second part of it the author discusses the elementary symptoms of the disordered mind, thus enabling the family physician to detect mental disease