

eminently a work for the general practitioner, as these specialties are fully covered in one volume. There are no less than 27 contributors to the volume. These number some of the very best specialists in the United States, Canada, and Britain. We have much pleasure in mentioning that Dr. Reeve, of Toronto, contributes the section on the diseases of the Orbit, Lachrymal Apparatus, and Lids. It is needless to say that the section is well done. While we mention this section specially we do not underestimate the excellence of the other sections. Taken all in all, it is a work of the highest merit.

THE TREATMENT OF NEURASTHENIA.

By A. Proust, Professor à la Faculté de Médecine de Paris ; and Gilbert Ballet, Professor Agrégé à la Faculté de Médecine de Paris ; translated by Peter Campbell Smith, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., Edin. London : Henry Kimpton, 13 Fumival Street, Holborn, E.C. 1902. Price 5 shillings, net.

In this pretty little book of 200 pages, we have a very able exposition of the disease known as neurasthenia. The author's are so conversant with their subject that there work is very complete and up-to-date. Neurasthenia is a difficult subject to discuss satisfactorily ; and one turns with much eagerness to ascertain the opinions of the two authors who have given the matter their careful and prolonged study. They treat the disease under the headings of its nature, its causes, its symptoms and forms, its etiology, its prophylaxis, its treatment in general and of some special forms. The cardinal symptoms of the disease, such as *headache* of a special character, *insomnia*, *muscular asthenia*, *richaalgia*, a peculiar *mental state*, and *dyspepsia*, are attributed to a special state of irritability and weakness of the nerve elements. The remarks on causation and treatment are particularly good. After a careful study of the book, we can speak in the highest terms of its contents. Dr. Smith deserves praise for the excellency of his translation.

BIOGRAPHIC CLINICS, THE ORIGIN OF THE ILL HEALTH OF DEQUINCY, CARLYLE, DARWIN, HUXLEY, AND BROWNING.

By George M. Gould, M.D., Editor of American Medicine. Author of an Illustrated Dictionary of Medicine, Biology, Borderland Studies, The Meaning and Method of Life, etc. Philadelphia : P. Blakiston's Sons & Co. 1012 Walnut St. 1903. Price, \$1.00, net.

DR. GOULD has written a classic. This little work will take its place with Hippocrates' Aphorisms, Laennec's Diagnosis, Hunter's Researches, William's Principles of Medicine, Hilton's Rest and Pain, and Balfour's