

Book Reviews.

THE MAJOR SYMPTOMS OF HYSTERIA. Fifteen Lectures given in the Medical School of Harvard University. By Pierre Janet, M.D., Professor of Psychology in the College de France, Director of the Psychological Laboratory in the Clinic of the Salpêtrière. New York and London: The Macmillan Company of Canada, Ltd., 2 Richmond Street West, Toronto. Price, \$1.75.

This volume deals with a disease very common in general practice, and one which the medical profession has sadly neglected, greatly to the fattening of Christian Science, the Dowieites, and a whole host of other ghouls who prey on the credulity of their fellow-man, or more often woman. Prof. Janet deals with the subject in a masterful way, as becomes one whose life is spent in the Salpêtrière, where hysteria has been closely studied for half a century and more. His construction is always clear, although it has a Gallic halt at times; the treatment of the subject is logical and convincing, and as a whole it is one of the most interesting books we have come across for many a day.

DISEASES OF INFANCY AND CHILDHOOD. Their Dietetic, Hygienic, and Medical Treatment. A Text-book Designed for Practitioners and Students in Medicine. By Louis Fischer, M.D., Visiting Physician to the Willard Parker and Riverside Hospitals, of New York City; former Instructor in Diseases of Children at the New York Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital, etc.; Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine. With 303 text illustrations, several in colors, and 27 full-page half-tone and color plates. 979 royal octavo pages. Extra cloth, \$6.50 net; half-morocco, \$8.00 net. Sold only by subscription. Philadelphia: F. A. Davis Company, publishers, 1914-16 Cherry Street.

In the preface to this book the author emphasizes the rapid strides that have been made in the diagnosis and treatment of disease in children, and, while bringing into prominence new methods, the teaching of the book is sound.

Infant feeding in all its phases, maternal nursing, wet nursing and hand feeding with home modification for bottle feeding, are very fully discussed. This part and the part on infectious diseases are particularly good.