

A TREATISE ON NERVOUS AND MENTAL DISEASES, FOR STUDENTS AND PRACTITIONERS OF MEDICINE. By Landon Carter Gray, M.D., Professor of Nervous and Mental Diseases in the New York Polyclinic, etc. Philadelphia : Lea Brothers & Co.

The first one hundred pages of this work are devoted to the anatomy of the nervous system, and to electricity as used in medicine. The anatomical illustrations are abundant, and, as the author says, make plain all the facts of structure necessary to a comprehension of nervous diseases. In the electricity chapter, the practitioner will get all necessary information for selecting a suitable battery; and also a statement of the diagnostic uses of electricity, an explanation of the reaction of degeneration, etc. Part II. treats of nervous diseases, and Part III. of mental diseases. The general practitioner will probably find the chapter in neurasthenia the most valuable one in the work, especially as regards management and treatment. Syringomyelia, acromegaly, and myxœdema find a prominent place; but this is, of course, as it ought to be in a recent treatise on nervous diseases. This is altogether the best American work on the subject, and the treatment is its strong point.

THE YEAR BOOK OF TREATMENT FOR 1893. A critical review for practitioners of medicine and surgery. Philadelphia : Lea Brothers & Co.

This is the ninth year of publication of this valuable work. The contributors, twenty-two in number, are well known as men of eminence in the profession of Great Britain, and their names furnish a sufficient guarantee of the excellence of the book. They give, in a concise form, a clear account of everything of importance that is new in the way of treatment which has been brought out during the past year. Mitchell Bruce has charge of diseases of the heart, etc.; Markham Skerritt, lungs; Ernest Reynolds, nervous system; Maguire, stomach, etc.; Ralfe, kidneys, etc.; Garrod, gout and rheumatism; Phillips, infectious fevers; Buxton, anæsthetics; Boyd, Walsham, Owen, Reginald Harrison, Cooper, Lane, various departments of surgery; Herman, diseases of women; Handfield Jones, midwifery; Morris, skin; Power, eye; Field, ear; Barron, throat and nose; Smith, therapeutics; Corfield, hygiene. It is altogether an admirable and useful little book.

VARIOUS FORMS OF HYSTERICAL OR FUNCTIONAL PARALYSIS. By H. Charlton Bastian, M.A., M.D., F.R.S. H. K. Lewis, Gower street, London, publisher.

The name of the author is sufficient guarantee for the excellence of this little work. To the lectures published last year in the *Lancet* the author has added considerable new material, and published them in book form under the above title. The first part of the book deals with the functional paralysis of cerebral type; then follows the functional paralysis of spinal type. Under each of these classes a number of cases are given. The diagnostician will find this little work of great service in helping him to solve the question, Is it a case of organic disease, or is it one of so-called functional disturbance?