

who were the most brilliant and promising in their chosen profession. In years now happily gone by it was a common occurrence to know of medical practitioners who were addicted to alcoholics, but I think this has been replaced, not to an equal extent by any means, by a craving for narcotics. Brain workers take morphia for its stimulant effect as well as to quiet nerve and brain fatigue. Cocaine is taken for the mental exhilaration it produces. Dr. Crothers has given us a most valuable little book of ninety-six pages on the treatment of these drug habits, and is one of exceeding interest, and his larger work upon which he is now working will be gladly welcomed.

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*Morphinism and Narcomania from Opium, Cocain, Ether, Chloral, Chloroform, and other Narcotic Drugs; also the Etiology, Treatment, and Medico-legal Relations.* By T. D. CROTHERS, M.D., Superintendent of Walnut Lodge Hospital, Conn.; Professor of Mental and Nervous Diseases, New York School of Clinical Medicine, etc. Handsome 12mo of 351 pages. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders & Co. 1902. Cloth, \$2.00 net. Canadian Agents: J. A. Carveth & Co., Toronto.

There is hardly a subject in medicine which we think requires greater study on the part of physicians than that of morphinomania and allied diseases. It is a bare fact indeed that during the past ten years there has been a most alarming increase in morphinism on this continent, and, alas, it has become too common among members of the profession. This is indeed a sorry admission to have to make, but it is too true. Who is there among us who does not know of a case of narcomania of some form among his own friends who are practitioners of medicine? Doth it not, therefore, behoove us to enter into the study of the disease, if disease it can be termed, and try to solve its successful treatment? Dr. Crothers' work is most timely, and it merits the approval of all, not only on account of the prevalence of the condition, but because the book is exceedingly well written, and the subject treated in such a manner as to make its study interesting rather than dry.

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