

of the leading forms of mental disease, and he allows himself very little latitude for description or speculation. His classification is according to the Royal College of Physicians, London, and his chapter on the procedure necessary for admissions is intended for the direction of English practitioners. The author refers to his work as an "outline chart," and he has accomplished his aim of giving his readers an acquaintance with the broad outlines of insanity.

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*Genesis.* A Manual for the Instruction of Children in Matters Sexual; for the Use of Parents, Teachers, Physicians and Ministers. By B. S. TALMEY, M.D., former Pathologist to the Mothers' and Babies' Hospital, and Gynecologist to the Yorkville Hospital, New York. With 19 cuts, 47 drawings, in text: pp. 194. The Practitioners' Publishing Company, 12 West 123rd Street, New York City.

The author of this volume found that most of the books dealing with instruction of children in sex matters are not quite adequate. The suggestions of the author, excellent though they be, are mostly too general in their scope and somewhat vague to be of great service.

There are a good many parents who are convinced of the necessity of enlightening their children in regard to the science of sex, but they lack the requisite knowledge, and a few hints would be of little service to them.

For this reason the author has set out to supply the want by writing a text-book for the instruction of children in matters of sex. In the first, the general, part the author, too, has tried to contribute his mite to prove the necessity of instructing the young in sex matters. This section is naturally more or less a repetition of what other authors have said on this subject. The five lessons in the second, the special, part will be of some service to all classes of instructors. The first two lessons are, in the nature of things, only for parents and guardians of infancy and early youth. The two following lessons may be made use of by cultured parents, but they were written mostly as a guide for teachers. The fifth lesson will be of value to the physician in his talks to growing boys and girls when going out into the world, and to the minister while preparing the children for confirmation.