

Reviews

The Myth of the Birth of the Hero. By OTTO RANK, of Vienna.
New York: Nervous and Mental Disease Publishing Co.

This book is a psychological interpretation of Mythology. There are chapters on Moses, Oedipus, Paris, Perseus, Romulus, Hercules, Jesus, Siegfried, Lohengrin, besides others not so well known to the majority of mortals. There is an introduction explaining the scope of the book.

X-Rays. An Introduction to the Study of Röntgen Rays. By G. W. C. KAYE, B.A., D.Sc., Head of the Radium Department at the National Physical Laboratory, etc. Price 5 shillings net. London: Longmans, Green & Co.

To one who wishes to begin the study of present-day methods and apparatus, this book will be found admirably suitable. It does not profess to be a hand-book but rather an introductory treatise upon the subject. It will give a fair and accurate insight to the man of general scientific bent.

Dial - Ciba. — W. Zuelachaur (*Deut. Med. Wochen.*) has used this new hypnotic in a wide variety of conditions in mental cases, and finds it has several advantages over older hypnotics. It can be given in smaller doses—from one-tenth to two-tenths grain usually being sufficient to produce many hours of normal sleep. More than this dose was only required in one or two cases of insomnia, and only once was four-tenths used. It can be used in still smaller doses to quiet patients during the day. The disadvantage is that it quickly establishes a tolerance so that the dose has to be raised. Chemically the substance is diallyl barbituric acid. There have not been observed any harmful or undesirable side actions.