

would of themselves alone make a work of great interest and value to almost any general practitioner; and when it is remembered that the whole volume represents the combined research of so many other brilliant men in addition to those already mentioned, it will be ungrudgingly acknowledged that the aim of the editor and the authors to present a complete picture of nervous diseases has been satisfactorily accomplished.

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*Gonorrhœa: Its Diagnosis and Treatment.* By FREDERICK BAUMANN, Ph.D., M.D., Professor of Genito-Urinary Diseases of the Reliance Medical College; Instructor in Dermatology and Venereal Diseases in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Chicago. Pp., 200. Illustrations, 52. New York and London: D. Appleton & Company.

This work Dr. Baumann presents as a concise digest of his teaching in the medical department of the University of Illinois. It were almost better named a Plea for the Instrumental Treatment of Gonorrhœal Urethritis, for 7 of the 200 pages of reading matter deal with instrumental manipulations, and 48 of the 52 illustrations are cuts of various urethral dilators, sounds, etc.—an imposing armamentarium, indeed, with which to approach and destroy the elusive gonococcus. After a few chapters on the anatomy of the urethra and pathology, and diagnosis of gonorrhœa, he plunges "in media res" and following Oberlander's classification, considers gonorrhœal urethritis under two divisions—the soft and hard infiltrations. The latter class is again subdivided into infiltrations of the first degree—where glandular infection is prominent; second degree, a more marked condition of the first; and, third degree, or strictures.

In treatment, he decries the use of the silver compounds, argyrol, protargol, as being chemically inert, and bespeaks his preference for silver nitrate, potassium permanganate, zinc sulphate, nitric acid, as weak injections. He also favors balsamics internally. Perhaps the author is at his best when describing the use of his instruments, and his remarks on the treatment of hard infiltrations of the third degree, strictures, are good. His plan is gradual dilation over a period of weeks, using Kollmann's four-pronged irrigating dilator. He advises frequent inspection of the urethral mucous membrane by means of the urethroscopé, although he denies himself the opportunity thus afforded for instillations or topical applications. Twenty-five pages are rightly devoted to gonorrhœal prostatitis, and the usual forms of treatment discussed, and then the rest of the pages treat in a sketchy manner of epididymitis, vesiculitis, gonorrhœa in the female, and gonorrhœal arthritis.

In the treatment of arthritis, he makes timely mention of the opsonic index and treatment with bacterial vaccines. He uses