

BOOK REVIEWS

PSYCHANALYSIS: ITS THEORIES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION.

By A. A. Brill, Ph.B., M.D., Chief of Clinic of Psychiatry and Clinical Assistant in Neurology, Columbia University Medical School; Chief of the Neurological Department of the Bronx Hospital and Dispensary. Second edition, thoroughly revised. Octavo of 393 pages. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company, 1914. Cloth, \$3.00 net. The J. F. Hartz Company, Toronto, Canadian Agents.

This Work covers a wide range of topics, such as Psychoneuroses, Dreams, Actual Neuroses, Compulsion Neuroses, Unconscious Factors, Psychoanalysis, Psychological Mechanism in Paranoia, Psychopathology of Every-day Life, Hysterical Fancies and Dreamy States, Oedipus Complex, The Favorite Child in Adult Life, Effects of Fairy Tales, Anal Eroticism, and Freud's Theory of Wit. The author lays it down as a condition to success in Psychoanalysis that the practitioner should have a knowledge of psychiatry and neurology. A thorough training in these is an essential, as this branch of medical science deals with mental factors. There is in the volume a large amount of valuable information on this field of work. The author has been a close student of the teachings of Dr. Sigmund Freud, and now gives a very carefully prepared statement of the views of that distinguished neurologist. There may yet be acquired a great deal of work to be done along the lines laid down by this school of psychologists before the medical profession will be prepared to accept its teachings in all its details, but it will be admitted that the investigations of Freud, Breuer, Bleuler, Brill and others compelled the psychologists of the world to give their views a hearing. At the very foundation of Breuer and Freud's theory lies the position that such conditions as hysterical neuralgias, paralyses, and epileptiform attacks are caused by some form of psychic traumatism in the past. The patient may no longer be able to recall this traumatism unless the hypnotic state be induced. On this view of these States Freud works out the treatment by catharsis, by which through a mental effort the pent up emotions are discharged by intellectual labor and speech. We very cordially recommend this work of Dr Brill's.

DaCOSTA, S MODERN SURGERY.

Modern Surgery: General and Operative. By J. Chalmers DaCosta, M.D. and Samuel D. Gross, Professor of Surgery, Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa. Seventh edition, revised, enlarged and reset. Octavo of 1515