

rapidly as possible in mental and nervous diseases, just as should be done if these diseases were not present. The psychical effect on the patient of the operation, and not the physical result of the operation itself, is the cause of such improvement as may take place, and this view is quite in accord with our knowledge that the primary disturbance in these diseases is in the brain. A better grasp of the subject of psycho-therapeutics will undoubtedly do more to relieve mental and nervous disease than either the dentist or the surgeon can ever hope to do by the physical results of operation.

The only illustrations in the book are those of dental skiagraphy, the technique of which is clearly given in the appendix.

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*A Manual of Venereal Diseases.* By OFFICERS OF ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.. London: Henry Frowde, Oxford University Press. 1907. This book can be obtained from the Canada Law Book Co., 32-4 Toronto St., Toronto. at 40 per cent. discount.

This book is based on the reports of the members of the committee appointed to enquire into Venereal Diseases in the British Army.

Its contents are essentially practical and it will be found a most useful manual for the general practitioner. Venereal diseases are discussed from four points, viz., Prevention, Pathology, Diagnosis and Treatment. Useful therapeutical appendices are added. The section on Pathology is especially interesting and well written. In discussing the specific action of mercury it is surprising to find no mention of its action on the Spirochetæ Pallida.

*Diseases of the Male Generative Organs.* By EDRED M. CORNER, M.B., B.Sc., M.C., F.R.C.S. London: Henry Frowde, Oxford University Press. 1907. This book can be obtained from the Canada Law Book Co., 32-4 Toronto St., Toronto. at 40 per cent. discount.

Diseases of the prostate and venereal diseases are not included in this useful manual. Hydrocele, varicocele, misplacements of testicle and allied conditions are fully dealt with from the