

Book Reviews.

THE F. A. Davis Co. will issue shortly a treatise on "Suggestive Therapeutics in Psychopathia Sexualis," by Dr. R. Von Krafft-Ebing, translated by Dr. A. Schrenk-Notzing.

THE work on obstetric surgery by Drs. Egbert H. Grandin and George W. Jarman, recently published by the F. A. Davis Co., of Philadelphia, has been well received.

PRACTICAL URANALYSIS AND URINARY DIAGNOSIS: A Manual for the Use of Physicians, Surgeons, and Students. By Charles W. Purdy, M.D., Queen's University; Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, Kingston; Professor of Urology and Urinary Diagnosis at the Chicago Post-graduate Medical School. Author of "Bright's Disease and Allied Affections of the Kidneys"; also of "Diabetes: Its Causes, Symptoms, and Treatment." With numerous illustrations, including photo-engravings and colored plates. In one crown octavo volume, 360 pages, in extra cloth, \$2.50 net. Philadelphia: The F. A. Davis Co., Publishers, 1914 and 1916 Cherry street.

The work before us is one of which we can speak in the highest terms. An accurate uranalysis is important in so many diseases that no physician can be excused for not being up to date in the subject. Dr. Purdy, a Canadian, has presented in the above an admirable work on the subject, and put the matter before us in such a readable shape that the interest is much increased. The analysis of the normal urine is thoroughly explained, and the latest and most accurate methods of estimating any increase above normal of its salts and solids carefully set forth. The abnormal urine, of course, receives the greater attention, and the work is replete with methods of detecting correctly the changes evolved during the course of disease. In the chapter on anatomical sediments we find that cylindroids are referred to as possibly being mistaken for casts. Thomas first drew attention to these cast-like substances, and to the differences between them and true casts.

The second part of the work Dr. Purdy devotes to urinary diagnosis, and we can congratulate him on the able manner in which it is handled. It will undoubtedly aid many of us in unravelling some of the cases that are perplexing in arriving at a diagnosis. An appendix is added on the subject of urinary examination for life insurance. Possibly this will act favorably both to the company and the applicant. There is no doubt that many good risks