

of Madame Curie. The work of Professor Rutherford, of Montreal, is mentioned, and a reference is made to the experiments of Professor Maclellan, of the University of Toronto, where he found that rain caught in a vessel and immediately evaporated to dryness, imparted a radio-activity to the vessel.

This review has already extended beyond the ordinary limitations allotted for such works, otherwise the writer might be tempted to continue, but it is hoped that enough has been said to interest the profession in the treatise under discussion. One cannot refer in detail to the portion of the work which deals with the therapeutic application of light energy in its various forms, but suffice it to say that the treatment of this part of the author's subject is most suggestive and instructive; it is written in a moderate style and in a thoroughly scientific manner. Without the slightest reservation the book is to be commended as of the highest importance, and well worth the most careful study of thoughtful students in our profession who are anxious to be abreast of the times, and who desire to be possessed of the knowledge necessary to employ intelligently light energy as one of the most powerful therapeutic agencies which exists for the maintenance of health and the treatment of disease.

The publishers have produced a truly beautiful volume, printed on excellent paper, well illustrated and well printed. A. P.

*A Text-Book of Clinical Diagnosis.* By Laboratory Methods. For the Use of Students, Practitioners and Laboratory Workers. By L. NAPOLEON BOSTON, A.M., M.D., Associate in Medicine and Director of the Clinical Laboratories of the Medico-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia; formerly Bacteriologist at the Philadelphia Hospital and at the Ayer Clinical Laboratory of the Pennsylvania Hospital. Octavo volume of 547 pages, with 320 illustrations, many of them in colors. Philadelphia, New York, London. W. B. Saunders & Co. 1904. Canadian agents: J. A. Carveth & Co., Limited, 434 Yonge St., Toronto. Cloth, \$4.00 net; sheep or half-morocco, \$5.00 net.

One great advantage in the description of the various methods of investigation suggested in this manual is that they are of such a character that, while they furnish a guide to a correct diagnosis, they can be carried out both by the practitioner in his office and the student in the laboratory. The various procedures in clinical technique are so described that they can be very easily followed, the student being led from the simpler to the more difficult methods by easy steps.

Serum diagnosis, a thing hitherto belonging only to the expert, has been largely gone into and arranged in a simple form. The more recent methods of examination and staining of the blood are