Book Reviews

MANUAL OF PSYCHIATRY. By J. ROGUES DE FURSAC, M.D., formerly Chief of Clinic at the Medical Faculty of Paris. Authorized Translation from the French, by A. J. Rosanoff, M.D., Junior Assistant Physician, L. I. State Hospital, King's Park, N. Y. Edited by Joseph Collins, M.D., Consulting Neurologist to the Manhattan State Hospital, West. First Edition, John Wiley & Sons, New York.

This little work has been liked so well in France that it has already appeared in French, in a slightly improved form, in a second edition. The translation by Dr. Rosanoff is of the first edition, but will be found useful, as it is based on the new Kraepelin classification, and therefore is, so to speak, up to date. The first part (comprising 120 pages) is devoted to the Etiology, Symptomatology and Practice of Psychiatry; and the second part (220 pages) treats of the individual psychoses, classified as Infectious Psychoses, Psychoses of Exhaustion, Toxic Psychoses, Psychoses of Auto-intoxication, Psychoses Dependent upon Organic Cerebral Affections, Psychoses of Involution, Psychoses without a Well-Determined Etiology, which are apparently based upon a morbid predisposition; Psychoses Based upon Neuroses and Arrests of Mental Development. Every one who accepted the Kraepelin classification seems to find it necessary to "slightly modify" it for clinical purposes, and it will be noticed that Dr. de Fursac has modified it also to some extent. If I, the reviewer, might offer a criticism, I would say that the author, in his endeavor to condense into a small manual a large subject, has sacrificed detailed descriptions of symptoms of individual psychoses and introduced no illustrative cases. These may not be required for the advanced student, but will be missed by the beginner.

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News and Notes

The Thirteenth Annual Commencement of the Training School for Attendants, State Hospital for the Insane, Danville, Pa., was held on July 13, 1905. The graduates were: Mary Ellen Blue, Sue Beishline, Lillie L. James, Hannah Mary Spargo, Eugene B. Fritz and Albert George Povey.

The National Association for the Study of Epilepsy and the Care and Treatment of Epileptics will hold its next meeting in New York City in November, 1905. It is hoped that all persons who are interested will take part in the November meeting of the National Association in New York. The executive committee wish reports from as many different countries as possible and from each State of the Union. You are invited to report facts, plans, opinions, etc., for the meeting. The transactions of the November meeting and of the three preceding meetings will be published. Please communicate with the secretary as early as possible.

In response to a recent letter many interesting replies have come, but we are anxious to add to the number of such responses. Any fact about this subject will be welcome, either from our own country or from abroad. I earnestly urge you to give this matter a few minutes' attention. Even a few lines will be of interest. All the information collected will be credited to its proper source and the results published in a volume which is designed for general library distribution, and will, no doubt, serve as a book of reference for some years. You are again invited to prepare a paper for the November meeting, or to write a letter to the secretary giving any information about your own or other countries or localities. No item will be too commonplace to be of interest. The very point which is to you trivial and common may be of vital interest in another region. Everett Flood, M.D., Secretary, Palmer, Mass.