

according to Ballet's Kraepelinized categories. His "cubage intellectual" mensurates according to these degrees. The first he terms partial disintegration of working capacity—especially in lack of initiative, of combining power; the second degree consists of a total loss of the working capacity; the third consists of a total loss of the working capacity plus a partial disintegration of verbal objective activity; a fourth consists of the former three plus partial loss of subjective ideation; a fifth of the fourth with total loss of subjective ideation; while a sixth consists of the total loss of the entire psychic life.

The work makes an interesting attempt at providing a rough and ready scale for measuring different grades of mental loss.

LES PARATHYROÏDES. Par Louis Morel. Libraire Scientifique. A. Hermann & Fils. Paris.

The author has filled 340 pages of a good size in detailing our present day knowledge of the parathyroids, and there is no padding, no repetition but straight-away material of the best type. It has both German thoroughness and French brilliancy and is the most desirable monograph on the parathyroids extant. The price is only 10 francs.

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LE LANGAGE ET LA VERBOMANIE. Essai de Psychologie Morbide. Par Ossip-Lowrié. Félix Alcan. Paris.

This series of lectures delivered before the University of Brussels is entertaining if not profound. He would trace primitive language from cries and gestures as many have done; beyond this he does not go. Why even cries and gestures arose is not touched upon and a dynamic or genetic explanation is conspicuous by its absence, yet the general scheme is sound as far as it goes. The pathological feature of the situation takes up the subject of too much talky-talk. Such a work is certainly needed and should be translated into every language. Whether this one fills the bill is questionable as it is not sufficiently convincing in its fundamental psychology. Verbomania in women is an instructive chapter. That on the prophylaxis of verbomania in childhood is practical and suggestive.

VORLESUNGEN UEBER DEN BAU DER NERVÖSEN ZENTRALORGANE DES MENSCHEN UND DER TIERE. Von Prof. Dr. Ludwig Edinger. Erster Band. Achte Auflage. F. W. C. Vogel. Leipzig.

No work on the structure of the nervous system has enjoyed the wide popularity of these lectures of Edinger. They are now in their eighth edition. In spite of the many intricacies which modern technical studies have introduced Edinger's work still retains its simple logical character and broad general grasp of the main anatomical features of practical importance to the neurologist.

Entirely new chapters are here introduced for the first time. There is a complete presentation of the autonomic sympathetic system and the cerebellum chapter has been greatly remodeled. The evolutionary, comparative anatomy viewpoint is kept to resolutely and a fitting close to the work is an attractive chapter on psychology as viewed from the anatomic-physiological viewpoints.

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