

L'ALIÉNÉ L'ASILE L'INFIRMIER. Par Th. Simon. Paris, 1911. Pp. 406; price 4 fr.

Dr. Simon, of the Sainte-Anne Hospital for the Insane, Paris, has undertaken to write a work dealing with the care of the insane in the hospital, a work that is intended to appeal to men engaged in asylum work more particularly, although from the character of the first part, which deals with the general question, among other things, of what constitutes insanity, it would appear that the author has written his book for a lay audience and perhaps also for the nurses.

The book deals very thoroughly with all of the ordinary hospital problems, such as the use of restraint, the method of dealing with dangerous and suicidal patients, the care of the infirm, employment, hydrotherapy, and finally the questions of commitment, reception in the hospital, discharge, transfer, family care, etc. The book is readable, and deals in an interesting way with all of the subjects of which it treats. It might be said almost to go into too much detail in some instances, or at least it seems to the person familiar with the problems, that some things might be left for granted which are dilated upon. On the whole the book is an excellent one, and the fact that it comes from France does not interfere with its high value because the matters of commitment, etc., which are of local interest, only constitute a very small portion of the work. It is rather strange that such a book has not appeared in recent years in English.

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UNTERSÜCHUNG ÜBER DIE PATHOLOGISCHE ANATOMIE DER BERI-BERI. Von Prof. Dr. Hermann Dürck, Prosektor am path. Inst. d. Univ. München. Gustav Fischer, Jena.

This volume, which appeared some time past as a supplementary number to Ziegler's Beiträge, deserves special note by reason of the surpassing beauty of its illustrations and the elaborate care taken in its preparation.

Professor Dürck has here made a lasting contribution to the pathology of beri-beri. It will be standard for all time. As an example of beautiful book work, the volume is noteworthy.

JELLIFFE.

DIE FUNKTIONEN DER NERVENCENTRA. Von Prof. Dr. W. v. Bechterew. Drittes Heft, Hemisphären des Gross Hirns. Gustav Fischer, Jena.

The third volume of Bechterew's Physiology of the Nervous System has just appeared. Like its preceding volumes it contains some 700 pages.

It brings nearer to completion a monumental work, conceived in the broadest spirit, and brought to a successful termination.

The author first takes up the subject of the localization of the cortical functions; then discusses in detail the centers for skin and muscle sensibility, the cortical motor centers, with such sub-sections as changes in the sensibility after lesions in the motor sphere, topographical conditions of the single motor centers in the cortex, bilateral action of cortex, epileptic phenomena. The motor eye cortex is then taken up, then the cortical centers of the skin, the cortical innervation of the internal organs. The secretory, the thermal regulatory, and trophic functions of the cortex are further chapters. The psycho reflexes and emotions are dealt with in a separate chapter. Chapter VI deals with the tracts of the skin-muscle sphere of the fore-brain. The taste, hearing, smell and seeing functions follow. The centers for higher psychical elaboration are discussed in the final chapter.