

Book Reviews

HANDBOOK ON LEPROSY: ITS DIAGNOSIS, TREATMENT AND PREVENTION. By ERNEST MUIR, M.D., F.R.C.S. Cloth. Pp. 118, with 52 illustrations. Cuttack, India: R. J. Grundy, 1921.

This book is a report from the firing line. It is the work of a man whose knowledge of leprosy has come first-hand from a large experience in the treatment of leprosy at one of the British outposts in India. It is a discussion of the disease from the standpoint of one who has had to live with it and meet its practical daily problems. The consideration of symptoms, etiology and other scientific aspects is adequate, sane and scientific. But it is especially in the practical aspects of the subject that the book is valuable. It takes up in careful detail the sources and the preparation of the oils used in the treatment of leprosy, the hygiene of the disease, the surgical treatment, the various questions involved in isolation and segregation, leper asylums and hospitals. It goes into the details of such topics as the selection of sites for leper settlements, suitable cottages and hospital buildings for lepers, occupations for lepers in leper settlements and other such practical topics. It contains numerous illustrations and plans which add to the value of the book. Altogether it is an exceedingly interesting book on the subject; one that will give much information to practitioners like us in America whose contact with leprosy is more or less casual. Throughout the work has the added attraction of inspiring the reader by giving him the feeling that he is reading the report of one who, industriously and zealously, as well as intelligently, is doing his part to relieve misery in one of the out-of-the-way places of the earth where misery is widespread.

HAUTKRANKHEITEN UND SYPHILIS IM SÄUGLINGS-UND KINDESALTER. Ein Atlas. Herausgegeben von Prof. Dr. H. Finkelstein, Prof. Dr. E. Galewsky, und Dr. L. Halberstaedter. Cloth. Price, 1040 marks. Pp. 77, with 123 illustrations. Berlin: Julius Springer, 1922.

This is one of those atlases of dermatology made in Germany which makes us envious of the ability of the Germans to reproduce skin diseases in colored illustrations. It contains seventy-five pages of good description of dermatoses as they appear in children; but the illustrations are the valuable part of the book. These consist of 119 excellent colored reproductions from moulages, most of which leave nothing to be desired in the way of accurate illustrations. A few, however, are overcolored. While they illustrate primarily the dermatoses of childhood, they are equally good, for the most part, as illustrations of the same conditions occurring in adults. It is a valuable atlas for any one interested in skin diseases.