
Dr. Laughton Scott is an enthusiastic advocate of the method of gradual reduction in cases of narcotic addiction, and has published an account of his particular technique which for clarity and practicability leaves nothing to be desired. Briefly, it consists (in a limited sense) of a modification of the Lambert method; tolerance to belladonna and hyoscine is gradually developed, with free and increasing use of luminal. In the author's hands the results have been very satisfactory, time consumed in treatment relatively short, discomfort and distress minimal or absent altogether.


Interesting questions of cause and effect are raised by this graphic account of the psychopathology of the War, which is illustrated by a fine little series of clinical photographs. With many another, the two experienced psychiatrists who write it agree that the War originated no new psychopathological syndromes, and that its major influence was exerted in the direction of accentuating known etiological factors and modifying symptomatological evolution.


We have received for review the following volumes in the above-mentioned series, viz. Labyrinth and Equilibrium, by Dr. S. S. Maxwell: The Elementary Nervous System, by Dr. G. H. Parker: Smell, Taste, and Allied Senses in the Vertebrates, by the same author; and Physical Basis of Heredity, by Dr. T. H. Morgan. Priced at 12s. 6d., these volumes, which were first published some time ago, are of especial interest to the student of neurology who appreciates the importance of some knowledge of the comparative science as a means of aiding interpretation of nervous semiology in human subjects. Biologically old mechanisms in the latter are often laid bare by disease, and their activities can be better realised by the light of information as to their performance in animals lower in the scale. For this among other reasons the series should be in the hands of all neurologists who seek to learn more of the physiology of the nervous system.
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