

THE INFLUENCE OF THE MIND ON THE BODY. By Dr. Paul Dubois. Professor in the University of Berne. Author of "The Psychic Treatment of Nervous Diseases." Translated from the Fifth French Edition by L. B. Gallatin. Cloth. Funk & Wagnalls Co. New York and London. 1906. Price, 50 cents, net.

This is a book that should be in the hands of every believer in, or student of, Suggestive Therapeutics, by reason of the amount of evidence adduced by the author in support of his claim that a large proportion of disease is imaginary (though none the less real to the sufferer), and that cure, in such cases, can only be effected by mental control. But there are thousands of sufferers, women especially, to whom the book would prove a Godsend, not only because the reason of their trouble is plainly demonstrated, but because the means of cure are made equally plain. We have read many books on the mental treatment of disease, but fail to recollect one in which the subject was so tersely and felicitously treated. Some of the comparisons he mentions, by way of illustration, are particularly apt, and many well-known but disregarded examples are cited, such, for instance, as the fact that the senses do not take cognizance of impressions unless the attention is first aroused. The work of translation has been well performed, on the whole, but there are a few instances where the English equivalent is slightly infelicitous. Withal, it is an excellent book.