

Social Hygiene To-day

By H. E. Garle. Pp. 387. (London: George Allen and Unwin, Ltd., 1936.) 12s. 6d. net.

WITH some remarkable exceptions, such as Abraham Flexner, the authors of works on prostitution and venereal disease have been medical men. The present work is remarkable as emanating from a barrister-at-law, who possesses no medical qualification.

The book is divided into two parts. The first consists of ten chapters dealing with various aspects of prostitution and venereal disease, while the second part contains a digest of laws relating to prostitution and venereal disease in different countries. There are numerous appendixes dealing with international agreements made at Paris and Geneva for the suppression of the traffic in women and children and the facilities given to merchant seamen for the treatment of venereal disease, followed by a bibliography classified according to anthropology, biology and physiology, psychology, social applications and venereal diseases.

Albrecht van Borgunnien's Treatise on Medicine

(Sloane MS. 3002, British Museum). By W. L. Wardale. (St. Andrews University Publication, No. 38.) Pp. xlvii+80. (London: Oxford University Press, 1936.) 10s. 6d. net.

THIS work is a fifteenth century medico-astrological treatise written in Eastern North Low Saxon by a certain Albrecht van Borgunnien, about whom nothing further is known. Almost the whole text, which consists of a prologue and remedies for various diseases, appears to be founded on a methodical leech book which contained charms of a popular character and various medico-astrological treatises.

In addition to numerous external and internal remedies, the subjects dealt with in the work include urinoscopy, phlebotomy and the signs of the Zodiac, the four elements, the four complexions and the signs of life and death. A glossary and short bibliography are appended.

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