

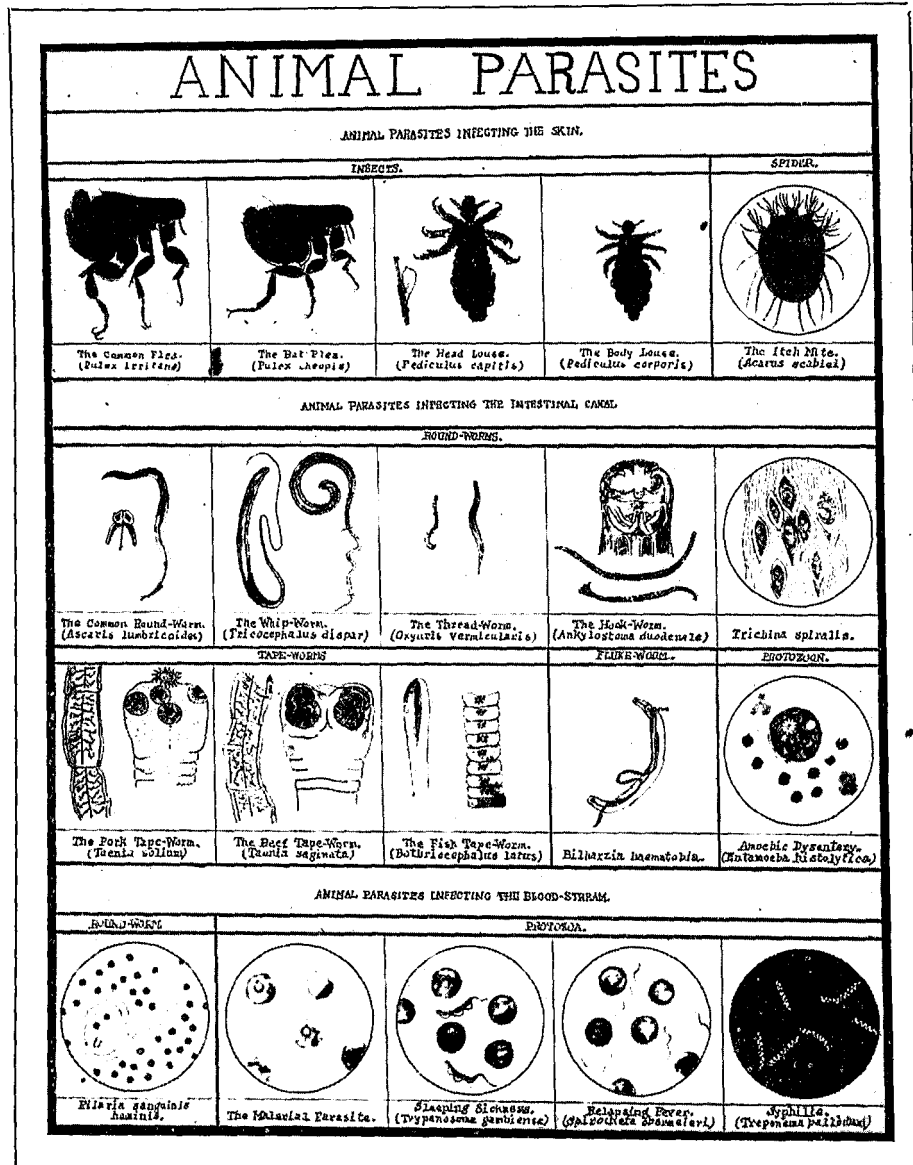
**ELEMENTARY PARASITOLOGY.**

We commend to nurses a booklet on "Elementary Parasitology," by Mr. Thomas T. O'Farrell, F.R.C.S.I., D.P.H., President of the Section of Pathology, R.A.M.I., published by Fannin & Co., Ltd., 41, Grafton Street, Dublin, price 1s. net,

or interleaved 1s. 6d. net. The booklet has been compiled from notes of lectures delivered to First-Year Nurses at St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin. The Preface states that "for the First Year it has been considered advisable to deal more extensively with Animal Parasites, many of which are visible to the naked eye. A detailed consideration of Bacterial Diseases is undertaken more profitably during a later period of the Nurse's training when she will be in a better position to appreciate the clinical significance of bacteriological observations."

The object of the Notes is not to replace actual demonstrations, but to assist the Nurse in remembering the things she saw during Class. The printing is clear and large, and the illustrations of parasites, many times enlarged, admirable and valuable. Thus, of the Animal Parasites, we have those infecting the skin, the intestinal canal, and the blood stream; and of Vegetable Parasites—Moulds (Hypomycetes) and Bacteria (Schizomycetes), including the various forms of Cocci and Bacilli. We venture to say that the large majority of nurses who study this booklet will have a far clearer idea of Parasitology and its importance than they ever had before.

In his introductory paragraph the author points out that "Illness among human beings is generally ascribable to one of six causes:—(1) Congenital Defects, such as abnormalities in development; (2) Irregularities in Growth, such as the formation of Tumours; (3) Functional Derangements in the normal regulation of organs, as in Diabetes; (4)



Injuries; (5) Poisons; (6) The Invasion of the body by some foreign Animal or Plant which poisons or otherwise interferes with the system."

A Parasite is defined as "an animal or plant which preys upon a living organism; the termination—ology—means a treatise or science; Parasitology, therefore, is a study of the Parasites."

The terms Animal Parasites and Vegetable

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