

ART. XXVII.—*A System of Surgery*. By JAMES MILLER, F. R. S. E., Professor of Surgery in the University of Edinburgh, &c. &c. 8vo. pp. 1387 with index. Edinburgh: Adam and Charles Black, 1864.

THE recent sudden death of Prof. Miller, in the prime of life and but a few weeks after the publication of the work above announced, adds a melancholy interest to the short notice we are called upon to make of it. Although modestly presented as a new edition of his previous volumes on the *Principles and the Practice of Surgery*, it may be considered almost as new a production in fact, as it is in its title, and evidently was in the estimation of its lamented author.

Those who are familiar with the separate volumes, which have been widely circulated in the successive American editions published by Blanchard & Lea, will recognize the agreeable style and superior illustrations, as well as the clear and comprehensive expositions of the leading topics, that secured the popularity of these favourite text-books in both branches of Surgery. So many additions and alterations have been made, and so large a number of admirable woodcuts introduced, and there is really so much evidence of recent adaptation to later views and experience, that the book is certainly entitled to be received not only as something more than a new edition, but a very respectable fulfilment of the desire which is expressed in the preface to "constitute a complete system of surgery, brought up to the level of science in the present day.

Future editions would doubtless have enabled Prof. Miller to give more fully the intended character of a complete system, and would probably have secured to his numerous pupils and admirers, a more convenient form in two volumes, instead of the bulky single volume; but we find so much to be pleased with in the manner in which most of the important topics of a general work on surgery have been treated in this volume, that we are glad to welcome it as a valuable addition to the school-books upon its branch and a material improvement on the well-known publications of which it is offered as the regular successor. Although not so full and well brought up in some matters as we should desire—often diffuse and occasionally very brief, being, as usual in all these systematic treatises, unequal in its discussion of different subjects—it is nevertheless excellent in many of its chapters both in regard to completeness and to the level of the times.

It is a worthy memento of a deservedly distinguished votary of science and humanity, and a gifted teacher of the principles and practice of surgery. On this account, apart from its unquestionable merit, it must be sought for by a large number of readers who sincerely mourn the departure of their honoured preceptor. Cut off in the midst of an unusually active career, he has left us the best evidence of his practical value to his profession and country, as well as to the ancient university of which he had long been a popular professor.

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ART. XXVIII. *The Diseases of the Ear, their Diagnosis and Treatment. A Text-Book of Aural Surgery, in the Form of Academical Lectures*. By Dr. ANTON VON TRÖLTSCHE, Aural-Surgeon and Lecturer in the University at Würzburg, Bavaria. Translated from the German, and Edited by D. B. ST. JOHN ROOSA, M. D. Illustrated with Wood Engravings. 8vo. pp. 254. New York: W. Wood & Company, 1864.

THE manual of Dr. Von Tröltsch, which first appeared at Würzburg, Bavaria, in May, 1862, furnishes a very useful introduction to the study of aural pathology and therapeutics, in the more complete and voluminous treatises and monographs, for which we are indebted to the master aurists of Europe, while it is an excellent textbook in following any course of clinical instructions on the diseases of the ear.