

ATLAS AND EPITOME OF GENERAL PATHOLOGICAL HISTOLOGY. By DOCENT DR. HERMANN DURCK, of the Pathological Institute, Munich. Authorized translation from the German. Edited by LUDWIG HEKTOEN, M.D., Professor of Pathology in Rush Medical College, Chicago. With 176 colored illustrations and 80 lithographic plates and 36 figures in black and colors. Philadelphia, New York, and London: W. B. Saunders & Co., 1904.

To anyone who has been familiar with the exquisite colored plates in the original edition of Dürck's *Atlas and Epitome of General Pathological Histology*, the present English edition, edited by Dr. Hektoen, will be exceedingly gratifying. The beautiful illustrations, reproduced with the greatest care and accuracy, are almost sufficient in themselves to teach the subject. The accompanying text is, however, only explanatory, and reviews the vast field of general pathology in a brief and lucid manner. The original suffers few changes in the translation. Occasionally the editor has inserted short notes, which always add to the value of the paragraph.

The student of pathology, who does not read German, is fortunate to have this book made available for his use. W. T. L.

THE MEDICAL EPITOME SERIES. SURGERY. A Manual for Students and Practitioners. By M. D'ARCY MAGEE, A.M., M.D., Demonstrator of Surgery and Lecturer on Minor Surgery in the Georgetown University Medical School, and WALLACE JOHNSON, PH.D., M.D., Demonstrator of Pathology and Bacteriology, Georgetown University Medical School. With an Appendix on x -ray Work in Surgery by EDWARD O. PARKER, A.M., M.D., Physician at the New York Dispensary. Series edited by V. C. PEDERSEN, A.M., M.D. Illustrated with 129 engravings. Philadelphia and New York: Lea Brothers & Co.

ONE can easily realize the difficulty of epitomizing general surgery in so small a book as the present volume, and possibly anyone undertaking such a work will be criticised by his reviewers for devoting too little space to some subjects and too much to others. The present book is open to this criticism, as can be seen by a reference to the chapter on Fractures and to that on the x -rays.

In most respects, however, the book is very satisfactory. The illustrations are especially good. We believe that the list of questions at the end of each chapter is a good idea, as it causes the student to review the text and also to formulate some idea of the subjects which he has studied. The views expressed by the author are in accord with the most advanced surgical authorities, and are expressed in a way well adapted to the need of the student. J. H. G.