

THE PRACTICE OF SURGERY. By HENRY R. MARTIN, M.D., and B. FARQUHAR CURTIS, M.D. Third edition. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Company, 1902.

THAT another addition of this admirable book has appeared attests its appreciation by the general practitioner, for whom it is primarily written.

To present all the subjects with which surgery deals to day within one volume, and to do it attractively and well, is a great task. This has been accomplished by the authors.

The active surgeon finds it more and more difficult to keep in touch with the whole field of surgery. He can hardly keep informed without literary assistants. It is necessary for the general practitioner, in order to keep abreast of surgical progress, to make use of such a contribution to surgical literature as this book affords.

The illustrations of the volume are being added to and improved upon. It is a pleasure to see old-time wood-cuts which do not illustrate passing out of surgical literature and their places taken by photographs.

The chapters upon Fractures and Dislocations are extremely practical and helpful.

The chapters on Operative Surgery are perhaps necessarily illustrated by old-time plates. It will be refreshing to see these replaced by something better.

The article on Bandaging is most attractively illustrated. The treatment suggested for the various surgical diseases described is that followed by the authors, and is eminently satisfactory, most of the details of treatment following common custom. It is far wiser in a book of this sort to describe one or two methods of treatment which are generally satisfactory than to confuse the reader by a description of many methods.

The book is thoroughly modern.

It is the best general surgery which the reviewer has seen in English.

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THE PHARMACOLOGICAL ACTION AND THERAPEUTIC USES OF THE NITRITES AND ALLIED COMPOUNDS, INCLUDING THE CROONIAN LECTURES FOR 1893. By the late DANIEL JOHN LEECH, M.D. (Lond.), D.Sc. (Vict.), F.R.C.P.; Senior Physician to the Manchester Royal Infirmary, and Professor of Materia Medica and Therapeutics in the Owens College. Edited by R. B. WILD, M.D. (Lond.), M.Sc. (Vict.), M.R.C.P., Leech Professor of Materia Medica and Therapeutics in the Owens College. Pp. 137. Manchester: Sherratt & Hughes, 1902.

DOUBTLESS many of our readers will recall the distinguished presence of the author as Chairman of the Section on Therapeutics at the meeting of the British Medical Association at Montreal in 1897. Many more have not only read but studied his contributions to that branch of medical literature in which he was pre eminently a master, and have felt that for him chemistry and physiology, the library, and the laboratory in pharmacological studies were but means to an end—therapeutics—in order that suffering might be assuaged and life prolonged or saved.