

Book Reviews.

- A Hand-Book of Intestinal Surgery.** By LEONARD A. BIDWELL, F.R.C.S., Surgeon, West London Hospital; Lecturer on Intestinal Surgery, and Dean of the Post-Graduate College; Consulting Surgeon to the Blackheath and Charlton and Diss Hospitals, etc. Pages, 167. Illustrations, 91. Price, \$1.50. London: Bailliere, Tindall & Cox, 8 Henrietta Street, Covent Garden. 1905. Toronto: J. A. Carveth & Co., 434 Yonge Street. Montreal and Winnipeg: Chandler & Massey, Limited.

The above volume is a compilation of lectures delivered in the West London Post-Graduate College accompanying practical demonstrations. The work is very comprehensive and concise. The early part is devoted to the many kinds of sutures and anastomoses, pointing out which is the best. One can safely say that in this particular branch of surgery, while a great deal has been written that need not have been, yet in the work before us there is every justification for its existence. It is based on practical work to aid the beginner, and as such should meet with a hearty reception. We know of no small volume that contains so much information, nor information so well put. In this country, at any rate, by a great many of us, marine sponges have been entirely eliminated, and we do not think, notwithstanding the very careful directions for preparing, that it is possible to be absolutely sure of them, and consequently we prefer wipes made up of material that we can be sure of its sterilization.

The author's remarks on "Before and After all Abdominal Operations," is every word of it good, and can be used as a guide, knowing that we are following good advice.

We thoroughly recommend the work, and congratulate the publishers on the very careful manner in which the illustrations have been prepared and printed, as well as the letterpress.

- A Text-Book of Physiology: For Medical Students and Physicians.** By WILLIAM H. HOWELL, Ph.D., M.D., LL.D., Professor of Physiology in Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore. Octavo volume of 905 pages, fully illustrated. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders & Company, 1905. Cloth, \$4.00 net; Half Morocco, \$5.00 net. Canadian Agents: J. A. Carveth & Co., Limited, 434 Yonge Street, Toronto.

Dr. Howell's many years of experience as a teacher of physiology in several of the leading medical schools is evident throughout the entire work in the simple and clear style and in the practical handling of his subject. The author has laid main emphasis upon those facts and views which will be directly helpful in the study of general pathology and in the practical branches of medicine. At the same time, however, we are gratified to see that Dr. Howell has not ignored the