

Modern Surgery, General and Operative. By JOHN CHALMERS DACOSTA, M.D., Professor of Principles of Surgery and Clinical Surgery, Jefferson Medical College, etc. Four hundred and ninety-three illustrations. Third Edition. W. B. Saunders & Co., Publishers. Canadian Agents: J. A. Carveth & Co., Toronto. Price, cloth, \$5.00; half morocco, \$6.00.

Once again the mill has been in operation, the author at the engine *firing*, the compositor oiling the machinery, and the printer's *devil* "sawing wood," and we have as a result the third volume of DaCosta's "Modern Surgery."

The work presents in a clear but "concise form the fundamental principles, the chief operations and the accepted methods of modern surgery." The work, instead of at once rushing into the subject of inflammation, wisely devotes the first chapter to the subject of Bacteriology, and the next chapter appropriately deals with Asepsis and Antisepsis. If the instructions laid down are carefully followed, few slips in asepsis and antisepsis will be made.

A discussion of the purely special subjects is avoided; but the common deformities under the head of Orthopedic Surgery, such as Morbus Coxæ, Club Foot, Flat Foot, and Potts' Disease of the Spine, are fully discussed. Fractures and dislocations are dealt with at some length. Though many and various forms of splints are described for use in fractures of the humerus, yet those of us who were students of the late Dr. W. T. Aikins cannot help but regret that the splint devised by him fails to receive recognition at the hands of the author, for it is by long odds the best splint for all fractures of the humerus, for by means of this not only may the fragments be fixed in position, but at the same time extension may be successfully kept up. A prominent place is given to the treatment of fractures about the elbow-joint by means of acute flexion, devised by Jones, of Liverpool.

Throughout, the work is a useful one to both student and practitioner, containing, as it does, so many of those practical hints frequently left out of a text-book. The bookmaking is also good, upon which the publishers are to be congratulated.

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Rhinology, Laryngology and Otology and their Significance in General Medicine. By E. P. FRIEDRICH, M.D., Privatdocent at the University of Leipzig. Authorized translation from the German. Edited by H. HALBROOK CURTIS, M.D., Consulting Surgeon to the New York Nose and Throat Hospital, and to the Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever Hospitals. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders & Company. 1900. Canadian Agents: J. A. Carveth & Co., Toronto. Price \$2.50, net.

We heartily welcome Dr. Friedrich's book to our office, especially for the reason that up to the present there have been few works written on Rhinology and allied subjects, of which it could be said that they were of any interest to any ordinary practitioner of medicine, but, on the other hand, were confined to a discussion of the subject of interest only to the specialist. This book, as the title would indicate, is devoted to Diseases of the Nose, Larynx and Ear, with their "Significance in General Medicine," so that we feel sure that it will at once interest the general practitioner, and have a large sale in consequence. The different sections are devoted to Diseases of the Respiratory Organs, Circulatory and Digestive Systems, Diseases of the Blood, Chronic Constitutional Diseases, Acute and Chronic Infectious Diseases, Diseases of the Kidneys, Skin and Eye, Intoxications, with the last chapter on Nervous Diseases. Each chapter is written very racily, all the information being recent, and the book as a whole a welcome addition to medical literature.

Dr. North and His Friends. By S. WEIR MITCHELL, M.D., LL.D., Harvard and Edinburgh. Toronto: The Copp, Clark Company, Limited. Cloth, price \$1.25.

"To give the coin of reflection," said the poet, "is my business and my delight. Thou art welcome to all I have." Fittingly do these words seem to apply to Dr. Mitchell's latest story of "Dr. North and His Friends." It almost