

Book Reviews.

Sajous' Annual and Analytical Cyclopædia of Practical Medicine. By Chas. E. de M. Sajous, M.D., and one hundred associate editors, assisted by corresponding editors, collaborators and correspondents. Illustrated with chromo lithographs, engravings and maps. Cloth \$5.00, half Russia \$6.00. The F. A. Davis Company, Publishers, Philadelphia. Volume I. Abdominal injuries to Bright's disease.

We have already given a notice of what was to be the character of this New Annual. The first volume has been issued for some weeks now; five others are to follow. The subjects are alphabetically arranged, and the whole range of Medicine and Surgery is to be included. Large type is used for the general descriptions of the subject which are similar to the articles in any system of Medicine; inserted in smaller type throughout the article are excerpts from the recent literature of the subject, illustrating and confirming the texts. The partial list of associate editors given in the first volume includes the names of some of the leading physicians of the United States, and augurs well for the character of the work which is offered in the present volume, and may be expected in the succeeding ones. As to how the subjects are treated, antipyrine may be taken as an example; in the large text a full description is given, its incompatibilities, dose, idiosyncrasy, contraindications, physiological action, antipyrine poisoning and its deleterious effects on the blood and organs, local use, hypodermic use, therapeutics, interspersed in smaller type are seventy-six condensed notes from various sources representing all the additional information gained during 1896 and 1897 and other excerpts bearing date as far back as 1888. The entire subject is thus very fully covered. Other articles have twice this number of excerpts. A monthly journal is also issued and sent free to the subscribers of the work for three years, containing a *résumé* of the monthly progress in the various branches of Medicine. This vast undertaking speaks volumes for the enterprise and courage of Dr. Sajous, his assistants and the publishers, and we hope the profession will give them the support they deserve.

A very useful feature is the numerous formulæ and methods of treatment which are included. The details in this respect in the article on alopecia might well be worth to a physician with a case to care for more than the value of the volume. We hope the remaining volumes will appear early, so that the final ones may not be out of harmony with the first, as would be the case if three years is to elapse before the series is completed. The book is well printed, has a number of cuts and colored plates. It is neatly bound in grey and black linen. It will be an invaluable work for the writer, teacher and practicing physicians.