

Saunders' American Year-Book of Medicine and Surgery.—Being a yearly digest of scientific progress and authoritative opinion in all branches of medicine and surgery, drawn from journals, monographs and text-books, of the leading American and foreign authors and investigation under the general editorial charge of George M. Gould, M.D. In two volumes of about 600 pages each, on Medicine and Surgery, respectively, each volume complete in itself and for sale separately, cloth \$3 net, half morocco, \$3.75 net. Published by W. B. Saunders, Philadelphia, 1900.

Volume II, of Saunders' American Year-Book of Medicine and Surgery is devoted to Surgery, and is not quite so large as volume I, which treats of the medical subjects. The diligent editors, to meet the great demand for this work, have gathered together an abundant supply of material, and this has led the publishers to issue it, for the first time this year, in two volumes, each complete in itself.

This arrangement has a double advantage. To the physician who uses the entire book, it offers an increased amount of matter in the most convenient form for easy consultation, and without any increase in price; while the man who wants either the medical or surgical section alone secures the complete consideration of his branch without the necessity of purchasing matter for which he has no use. This work is deservedly popular, and ranks as one of the best yearly compendiums now published. Volume II. treats of the following subjects: General Surgery, Obstetrics, Gynecology, Orthopedic Surgery, Ophthalmology, Otology, diseases of the Nose and Larynx and Anatomy. The subjects are dealt with by men well known by their constant contributions to medical and surgical literature and scientific progress; *e.g.* Keen, Dabosta, Hirst, Darland and Baldy. All the features of the work that have in the past proved so valuable will be retained.

The publisher has done his work up in the usual attractive and serviceable finish, and the type is of such size and character as to prove attractive to the eye, so that the latest and best is here given in a very convenient form.

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Saunders' American Year-Book of Medicine and Surgery—Medicine.—As intimated above, the Year Book is now published in two volumes—one devoted to Surgery, the other to Medicine. That this is an advantage is without question. I find it quite impossible to criticise the contents of the Medical volume, for it is simply a collection of the current medical literature of the past year. This clearly shows that our leading scientific workers have, during that time, not been idle; on the contrary the amount of material collected proves that in spite of much to discourage, some advance of a practical character has been made. It, however, is but slight, and it must be admitted that pure Medicine still lags behind Surgery in its advancement. Indeed at times I am inclined to think that we have