

The Surgical Diseases of the Genito-Urinary Tract, Venereal and Sexual Diseases.—A Text-book for Students and Practitioners. By G. Frank Lydston, M. D., Professor of the Surgical Diseases of the Genito-Urinary Organs and Syphilology in the Medical Department of the State University of Illinois; Professor of Criminal Anthropology in the Kent College of Law; Surgeon in-Chief of the Genito-Urinary Department of the West-Side Dispensary. Fellow of the Chicago Academy of Medicine; Fellow of the American Academy of Political and Social Science; Delegate from the United States to the International Congress for the Prevention of Syphilis and the Venereal Diseases, held at Brussels, Belgium, September 5, 1899, etc. Illustrated with 233 Engravings, $6\frac{1}{2} \times 9\frac{3}{4}$ inches. Pages xvi-1024. Extra Cloth, \$5.00 net. Sheep or Half-russia, \$5.75 net. The F. A. Davis Co., Publishers, 1914-16 Cherry Street, Philadelphia.

The publication of Dr. Lydston's book will in all probability be received with more than ordinary interest, for the reason that the writings of the distinguished author have always been read with great appreciation by those of the Medical and Surgical profession who have made Genito-Urinary and Venereal Diseases their special study. This being the case, we agree with the author when he states in the preface that the issuance of the work at this time "hardly requires either apology or explanation." The writer is so frank in his style that the volume makes exceedingly pleasant reading without in the least wearying the peruser. From a passage in the very brief preface we would infer that the author, in treating of the various subjects embraced in the volume, had not always confined himself to the "beaten pathway" followed by his predecessors, as he says: "I have embraced the opportunity herein afforded me for airing a few heresies of my own." Every topic of importance that has any connection with the subject is given as much space as its importance warrants. The first chapter deals with "Genito-Urinary and Sexual Hygiene" and the second with "Urinalysis in its Surgical Relations," and the chapter on "Gonorrhœa (in the male) occupies 47 pages. The important subject of stricture is very ably dealt with, and takes up 93 pages. Space will not allow of our referring to other chapters which are equally interesting and valuable. To those of the profession who know Dr. Lydston as a practical surgeon and writer, it is unnecessary to commend the work. His name is a sufficient guarantee to the profession. The print and binding are up to the usual standard of the publishers, while the numerous illustrations are admirably executed. The general index, which is elaborate and comprehensive, is placed at the end of the book. The work is admirably adapted to the uses of the general practitioner, and we can strongly recommend it to the profession.