

which is the thirteenth of the work, deals with operations on the mouth, pharynx, nose and esophagus, and embraces thirty-four pages of the text. Next we have operations on viscera connected with the peritoneum. This is an elaborate chapter, and bears evidence of great and careful work in its preparation; it is extensive and forms one of the most important sections of the whole work. The chapter abounds with illustrations which, while clear will prove extremely helpful in obtaining a thorough grasp of that department of surgery. Chapter XV. deals with operations on the anus and rectum; XVI. with operations on the thorax; XVII. with operations on the urinary bladder; XVIII. with operations on the scrotum and penis, the last half of this chapter being devoted to miscellaneous operations, such as, suture of the patella for fracture, suture of the olecranon process, the union of fractured long bones, operations on the cervical sympathetic nerve, the removal of foreign bodies from the hand, etc. Instruments and implements employed in these operative procedures, also appear in separate illustrations. As was expected, the high standard reached in Vol. I. has been continued in Vol. II., both by the author and publishers. The DOMINION MEDICAL MONTHLY heartily endorses the work, and has no hesitation in recommending it to its many readers in every Province in the Dominion of Canada.

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The first edition of this very extensive and valuable work appeared in 1887, the preparation of it occupying a period of three years. Seven years later a supplementary volume was brought out, devoted to the advance in medicine and allied sciences during the intervening period. The editor states that he was doubtful whether it were better to again, in 1900, bring out a second supplementary volume or to issue a new edition. The latter course was decided upon, and the first two volumes of the new edition (from AAC to CHI) are now to hand. All the articles of the existing nine volumes were collected into groups, each group representing a special department of medical knowledge. These groups were referred to men specially versed in the subjects collected, with the request that they determine what portions of the original articles could be advantageously reproduced, with or without revision. It seems extraordinary that the replies received showed that not more than one-half of the text of the first edition could be used. Nothing could better illustrate