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A Text-Book of Surgical Anatomy. BY WILLIAM FRANCIS CAMPBELL, M.D., Professor of Anatomy at the Long Island College Hospital. Octavo of 675 pages, with 319 original illustrations. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company, 1908. Cloth, \$5.00 net; half morocco, \$6.50 net. Canadian agents: J. A. Carveth & Co., Limited, Toronto.

We have perused this work with no little satisfaction. In the preface the author remarks: "Anatomic facts are dry only as they are isolated. Translated into their clinical values, they are clothed with living interest. No teacher can impart, or student assimilate, all the details of anatomy. The facts must be sifted, their comparative values fixed, and the reason for their acquisition demonstrated by directing attention to the practical problems with which they are associated. A fact that can be utilized is a fact that will survive."

Viewed from this standpoint, the work is very satisfying, and one which, on careful study, will well repay alike the practitioner and the student of medicine. We are inclined to think the title were better changed to "Applied Anatomy," for the wealth of anatomic facts revealed in this work can scarcely be relegated to the exclusive domain of surgery, inasmuch as no small part of the work is of equal value and interest to the physician. Professor Campbell in his excellent work may be said—in modern parlance—to have "delivered the goods," and it gives us pleasure alike to congratulate him on his work and to highly recommend it.