

telling how to approach each dissection and numerating the structures to be looked for. The book is profusely illustrated with figures taken principally from Morris' & Holden's Anatomy.

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Messrs. Archibald, Constable & Co. will very shortly publish "Recent Advances in the Physiology of Digestion," by Prof. E. H. Starling, M.D., F.R.S., Jodrell Professor of Physiology. The book contains illustrations and diagrams. The author expresses a hope in his preface that this volume may serve to interest a large audience of students and medical men in the growing importance of these subjects, and that it may give them an idea of the aims and objects of this particular branch of physiological research.

Announcement is made by Wm. Wood & Co., New York, of the publication of a new work on the science and art of surgery, to appear in eight royal octavo volumes, profusely illustrated, and to be entitled "American Practice of Surgery."

Although other attempts have been made in recent years to publish a book which would faithfully record the part taken by Americans in advancing the science and art of surgery, and which should give an authoritative picture of surgical practice as it is carried on to-day by the recognized masters of the art, time has shown, as it seems to us, that all these efforts were made somewhat prematurely. It is our present belief that only within the last two or three years has the practice of surgery in this country reached such a mature stage of development that one might reasonably expect to secure for the contemplated book the desired character of authoritativeness, and also might anticipate that this character would possess some degree of permanence. It is with these ideas in mind that we have decided to undertake the publication of the "American Practice of Surgery"; and, as the first step, we have commissioned Dr. Joseph D. Bryant and Dr. Albert H. Buck, of this city, to act as the editors of this important treatise. These gentlemen are so well known to the profession at large—the one as a teacher and author in surgery of established repute, the other as an editor of wide experience—that we do not need to say anything further in regard to their fitness to be at the head of an enterprise of this nature. A survey of the list of writers whom they have invited to contribute the articles of which this great work is to be composed, affords convincing evidence that the men selected are among the very best to whom such responsible tasks could be entrusted.

We have had the present scheme under consideration for several years and have become more and more convinced, as the time for carrying it into effect approached, that it would not be practicable to cover the entire range of surgery, in a fairly thorough fashion, within the limits of a series of only five or six volumes