

Book Reviews.

THE PRINCIPLES OF SURGERY. By Nicholas Senn, M.D., Ph.D., LL.D., Professor of Practice of Surgery and Clinical Surgery, Rush Medical College; Professor of Surgery, Chicago Polyclinic; Attending Surgeon to Presbyterian Hospital, etc., etc. Illustrated by 178 engravings and colored plates. Philadelphia: The F. A. Davis Company. Toronto: A. P. Watts & Co.

We have had before us for some time the second edition of this most popular work. Dr. Senn undoubtedly found a vacant spot in medical literature, and supplied an elaborate treatise to fill it. That he was successful is shown by the necessity of a second edition, in which the subject is brought up to date. The principles of any branch of medicine are the essential foundation of accurate and thorough work, and should be mastered by all. The operative technique is a part of surgery that is easy of application when the principles have been thoroughly grounded. The mastery of the principles enables one to grasp difficult situations readily. We can most heartily recommend this work to the practitioner or student. The reading matter is written in an easy style, that adds much interest to the subject. This work is an intimate companion to the "Pathology and Surgical Treatment of Tumors," reviewed in the January issue of THE PRACTITIONER. The illustrations of the volume, though, cannot be as highly spoken of as the letter-press. It is, in our opinion, better to have fewer illustrations, admirably and accurately executed, than to have a greater number indifferently done. These remarks app'y to a large proportion of the medical works now put forward. It is a work that the value of any library will be increased by possessing.

The following books and pamphlets have been received:

MOVABLE KIDNEY. By Charles P. Noble, M.D., Surgeon-in-Chief, Kensington Hospital for Women, Philadelphia. Reprinted from *Gaillard's Medical Journal*.

NEPHRITIS OF THE NEWLY BORN. An address delivered before the Medical Society of the District of Columbia, November 28, 1895. By A. Jacobi, M.D., New York. Reprinted from the *New York Medical Journal* for January 18, 1896.

A CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN DOUBTFUL POINTS IN THE MANAGEMENT OF ABORTION. By Charles P. Noble, M.D., Surgeon-in-Chief, Kensington Hospital for Women, Philadelphia. Reprinted from the *Therapeutic Gazette*, January, 1896.