

fourth too small a dose was used. Taking all cases into consideration the mortality did not exceed 27 per cent. while with the usual treatment in Rio Janeiro it is 45 to 50 per cent. and in St. Charles, 80 per cent. In one of the prisons, where one after

another of the inmates were becoming infected, Sanarelli inoculated all those yet unaffected and no further case developed. The Government of the Province of Saint Paul has now ordered a building for the treatment of yellow fever by the serum method.

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A Manual of Modern Surgery, General and Operative. By JOHN CHAMBERS DACOSTA, M.D., Clinical Professor of Surgery, Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia; Surgeon to the Philadelphia Hospital, etc. With 386 illustrations. Price, \$4.00; half morocco, \$5.00. Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders, publisher. Toronto: J. A. Carveth & Co.

This is the second edition of this valuable work, and we note very many changes which have been entailed by the progress of this branch of medical science. The aim of the author, as stated in his first edition, was to prepare a book which would stand between the text-book and the compend. A work so thorough and comprehensive as he has given us, and at the same time so authoritative, should certainly be classed with the text-books. We personally do not believe in the compends at all and think that students, as a rule, would be much better without them. The matter is so condensed that it requires to be completely memorized, and certainly the student would find his knowledge easier of acquirement if the facts were rounded out into a continuous picture. We believe one of the reasons of the success of Mr. Saunders' text-books of this class has been that they were much fuller than the old-fashioned compends. While Dr. DaCosta rates his work in this way, we may say that it is so completely illustrated, the text is so clear, and has been so thoroughly brought up to date, that it will be a valuable work for the active prac-

itioner. Another point is, that very little of the mannerism of the author appears. He has carefully selected the best methods, and has had them thoroughly illustrated, as, for instance, may be mentioned Halsted's operation for carcinoma of the breast.

Diseases of Women: A text-book for Students and Practitioners. By J. C. WEBSTER, B.A., M.D. Edin., F.R.C.P. Ed. Illustrated with 241 figures. Published by Young J. Pentland, Edinburgh and London. Montreal: W. Drysdale & Co.

It is not often that we meet with a work that so completely follows out the programme of the author in his preface. We reproduce here three sections of the preface to this book, and may say that a close examination of its contents shows that the book has been carefully and thoroughly done. We heartily recommend the work to any practitioner who desires a convenient hand-book on this subject. "In preparing this volume, I have endeavored to keep constantly before me the following aims, namely, (1) To give prominence to the scientific basis of each subject under consideration. For this purpose I have given the most careful attention to modern researches in sectional and dissectional anatomy, histology, embryology, comparative anatomy, pathology and bacteriology, in so far as they bear on the diseases of women, and have included the chief facts gathered by myself in original investigations carried on during the past nine years. (2) To study clinical features in their widest