

volume, royal octavo, 400 pages. Illustrated with 16 full-page chromo-lithographic plates and 115 wood-engravings in text. Extra cloth, \$3.50 net; half-Russia, gilt top, \$4.50 net. The F. A. Davis Co., publishers, 1914 and 1916 Cherry street, Philadelphia; 117 W. Forty-second street, New York; 9 Lakeside Building, Chicago.

Dr. Grant has, in this volume, given us a work which is timely and welcome, as in it we find a source of accurate information on a subject that deserves to be removed from the realms of charlatanism, and placed on a scientific basis, as the diseases of these parts are among the most annoying, and hitherto have too frequently been referred for relief to the advertising quack and peripatetic charlatan. In this book the medical and surgical affections are fully considered, and so classified that information on any point can be got without any arduous searching. The book is very fully illustrated with woodcuts and colored photogravures, the latter mostly full page and exceptionally fine, the coloring conforming to the normal appearance of the conditions depicted in the living subject. They, moreover, are all original, most of them from photographs of cases of the author and Dr. Allingham, of St. Mark's Hospital, London, who has written some of the chapters.

The opening chapter gives the anatomy and physiology of the rectum and anus. Chapter III. is devoted to symptomatology, and IV. to methods of examination. The chapters are not lengthy, but are full in information, especially in regard to diagnosis; and treatment at the end of many, illustrative cases are described. Among some we found exceedingly interesting are: the relation of pulmonary tuberculosis to fistula, in which guidance is given in regard to what cases should be operated on; stricture of the rectum, which produces so much disturbance in the circulatory and nervous systems, and causes such a long train of misleading symptoms. The chapter on hæmorrhoids is full; he states that there is no disease within the whole range of medical literature which has a more ancient history and claims a hoarier antiquity. Among the applications we do not see cocaine mentioned, which is of undoubted value as an addition to unguents used in painful external hæmorrhoids. The injection method of treatment, which was for a long time employed by quacks, and with much success, is discussed, and the limited sphere of its advisable application pointed out and minute directions given.

The chapters on pruritis, diarrhœa and constipation are instructive. In the latter affections, his non-medical methods, consisting of twelve items, has given him admirable results—it consists of divulsion, massage, electricity, and certain rules for diet, bathing, exercise, etc.

Chapter XXV., auto-infections from the intestinal canal, is one of the most interesting in the book—the bacillus coli communis looms up here as a "king of disturbers", and its influence is discussed fully in the text and in letters received by the author from Drs. Roswell Park, and Dr. Welch, of Baltimore. Neuralgia of the rectum may be readily recognized after reading the article thereon.

An important chapter is that on Colotomy, by Dr. Herbert Wm. Allingham, F.R.C.S. Eng.

The book is well printed on good paper and neatly bound, and will be an acquisition to the physician's library that will enable him to solve many every-day problems which will repay him manifold for the small outlay required for its possession.