

originally, the changes in this edition are necessarily few in number and limited chiefly to the correction of a few typographic errors and the alteration of several of the illustrations. In reviewing this new edition we cannot refrain from again speaking of the very practical illustrations. There are 1046 of them, all original line drawings, made especially under Dr. Ashton's personal supervision, from actual apparatus, living models, dissections on the cadaver, and from the operative technics of other authors. All superfluous anatomic surroundings are eliminated and the operations and procedures are detailed step by step with a clearness and accuracy we have never before seen. Certainly the success the work has won is well deserved and fully to have been expected.

*The International Medical Annual*, 1906. Publishers, E. B. Treat & Company, New York. Price, \$3.00.

The twenty-fourth issue of the *Medical Annual*, although its publication has been attended by exceptional difficulties, is a thoroughly satisfying work. Those who are familiar with this work will not need any words of praise from the reviewer; while those who have not yet subscribed for it may feel assured they will get the very cream of medical thought when they scan this volume. There is so much of solid value in this issue that it seems unnecessary to single out any articles in particular; rather we would advise the busy medical man to GET it and review it for himself.

*The Operating Room and the Patient*. By RUSSELL S. FOWLER, M.D., Surgeon to the German Hospital, Brooklyn, N.Y. Octavo of 172 pages, fully illustrated. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Co. Canadian Agents, J. A. Carveth & Co., Limited, 434 Yonge St., Toronto. 1906. Cloth, \$2.00 net.

In Dr. Russell Fowler's admirable work we have a book that has long been needed, one that to our knowledge is unique in that it is the only work on the market devoted entirely to operative technic, with the pre-operative procedures of sterilization and preparation. Written by a surgeon of rich clinical experience for the use of surgeons, nurses assisting in an operation, and hospital internes, it clearly describes the preparation of material of all kinds, indicates the instruments required for the various operations, details the preparation and care of the patient before and after operation, and the methods of anesthetization, describes and illustrates the position of the patient for different operations, and contains all other information a knowledge of which is necessary to produce the highest efficiency. Indeed, it is a most excellent and most valuable work for practical use, and the operating surgeon will find it of additional value as it furnishes him a guide to which he may readily add his own variations of technic.