

## BOOK REVIEWS.

WE have received from the publishers, the J. B. Lippincott Company, of Philadelphia, a copy of the *Annals of Surgery*, for December. This is a special number, the Jubilee number in fact, of the *Annals*, and it is in many respects, a record number. It contains nearly 400 pages, being more than double the usual amount of letter-press, and in addition many beautiful illustrations.

The *Annals of Surgery* is edited by Dr. L. S. Pilcher, of New York, with the collaboration of Dr. J. William White, of Philadelphia; Sir William Macewen, of Glasgow, and Sir W. Watson Cheyne, of London, and it is published in Philadelphia, London, and Sydney, N. S. W. It aims at being the chief surgical journal of the English-speaking world, and indeed was the first purely surgical journal published in English. But by far the greater number of the articles are by American writers.

In the number before us the names and nationalities of the contributors give it an almost international look. The first article is from the pen of Sir William Macewen himself, a very interesting paper on bone grafting in the human subject. The last is perhaps the last article written by Mr. C. B. Keetley, of London, who died only a few weeks ago and whose name figured at one time on the title page of the *Annals*. In this short paper he criticizes some statements of Dr. W. J. Mayo, made in commenting on the work of Sir William Macewen and Mr. Keetley.

We have a short paper by Hartmann, of Paris, on the excision of the rectum, in which he draws attention to recent researches into the vascular supply of the rectum and pointing out

that in high amputations of the rectum it is expedient, if not imperative, to begin the operation by opening the abdomen in order to ligature the inferior mesenteric artery above its last collateral branch. There is a paper by Prof. Bastianelli, of Rome, on the radical treatment of procto-sigmoiditis. From Denmark comes a paper by Prof. Rovsing on the treatment of dry arthritis by injections of sterilized vaselin.

There is an exceedingly interesting contribution by Dr. Hugh H. Young, of Baltimore, on "Cancer of the Prostate," a clinical, pathological and post-operative analysis of 111 cases. We feel that Young's brilliant work holds out reasonable hope to many men, otherwise doomed to certain painful death. Another exceedingly interesting paper also comes from the Johns Hopkins School, it is one by Harvey Cushing, on the partial removal of the pituitary gland for acromegaly. The operation was most successful and the whole article reflects the unique character of the work being done by the Johns Hopkins School. Incidentally we note that there are good grounds for administering urotropin in cases of basal fractures, or in any case where meningeal infection is feared.

Moynihan, of Leeds, contributes an article on a peculiar, and, so far as we know, hitherto undescribed condition of the gall bladder, necessitating removal. Robert Jones, of Liverpool, the eminent orthopedist, writes on derangements of the knee joint; Arbuthnot Lane, of London, on his operative treatment of simple fractures, and Rutherford Morrison, of Newcastle, brings to our notice a special forceps which he has devised for