

*Modern Medicine.* By DRS. SALINGER AND KALTSEYER, of Philadelphia. Philadelphia and London : W. B. Saunders & Co., 1900 ; Agents for Canada : Carveth & Co., Toronto.

This work is by two physicians of Philadelphia, teachers and active members of hospital staffs. They have evidently had abundant material to work upon, and have done good work. The book cannot be called a reference hand-book, many of the subjects being too shortly discussed to be of real value. The book is very well gotten up, print of plates being really very fine. The sections dealing with sputum, urine, blood and bacilli generally being profusely and beautifully illustrated. Treatment, we think, is somewhat scant, as seems to be the fashion with the latest works on medicine, few hints being thrown out to the reader for dealing with possible complications. The price is moderate, \$4.00, cloth bound. It is worth the money, if only for the sections noted above. A. B.

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*Modern Surgery—General and Operative.* By JOHN CHALMERS DaCOSTA, M.D., Professor of the Principles of Surgery and of Clinical Surgery, Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia ; Surgeon to the Philadelphia Hospital, and to St. Joseph's Hospital, Philadelphia. With 493 Illustrations. Third edition, revised and enlarged. Philadelphia and London : W. B. Saunders & Co. ; Canadian Agents, J. A. Carveth & Co., Toronto, Ont.

We have before us the third revised edition of DaCosta's "Modern Surgery." This book has passed through three editions in the last six years, and each edition has been a considerable improvement on its predecessor. We can confidently recommend the work to the profession ; it is up-to-date in most of the different branches of surgery. A very interesting and instructive chapter on Anesthesia and Anesthetics will well repay the reader for a careful perusal. The chapter on X-Rays is, in our opinion, not quite so complete as it should be at this day, at the same time the general remarks are good, and the illustrations capital. The whole work is illustrated by very elaborate drawings, and, differing from a great many other works, they have the advantage of not being colored. We think, however, an improvement could be made in one particular branch of the work, and that is the Treatment of Fractures. The subject of fractures has undergone considerable change during the past four or five years, and we do not note in this edition the same advance that there is in other branches. The subject of fractures and dislocations is so apt to be treated in a routine method, that advances in this particular branch of surgery are not usually carefully enough gone into in each succeeding edition. We are sorry for that, because the present-day treatment is really an improvement of that of a few years