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We take the opportunity of again congratulating both the editor and the publishers upon the result of their labors.

*Surgery of the Upper Abdomen.* Volume I. Surgery of the Stomach and Duodenum. By JOHN B. DEEVER, M.D., L.L.D., Surgeon-in-chief to the German Hospital, Philadelphia, and A. P. C. ASHURST, M.D., Surgeon to the Out-Patient's Department of the Episcopal Hospital, Philadelphia. Publishers: P. Blakeshire Son & Co., 1012 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, 1909.

This book, of 452 pages, well illustrated, coming from two surgeons of such excellent repute, is so well written and contains such a wealth of knowledge from the commencement to the end, that it should be found among the "Selected Books" of each practitioner's library. The chapters on the anatomy and embryology of the upper abdominal viscera are excellent, and form the basis of the symptomatology and treatment of the diseases of the stomach and duodenum. They are not at all exhaustive, but of sufficient length for the purpose. "The Physiology of Digestion" is especially good, in the description of the functions of the serous and mucous surfaces, in their defensive action of the human economy in disease. Gastric ulcer is treated at length, and with a great deal of logical thought. The chapter on Pyloric Obstruction is especially interesting, one cause of which, "Infantile Stenosis," being so very well written, that the attention is held to the maximum. Malignant diseases of the stomach, hour-glass stomach, ulcer of duodenum and stomach, with the very lucid descriptions of the various operative procedures are, in themselves, worth the price of the book and the energy expended in digesting and assimilating them. The volume is essentially up-to-date, and contains many points that are new from the experience of the world's best-known and greatest surgeons.

Volume II., on "Surgery of the Liver, Gall Bladder, Pancreas and Spleen," is in active preparation, and, judging from the one just issued, should be eagerly looked forward to by both physicians and surgeons.

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