

and even practitioners how to begin the study of the different branches of medicine and how to examine the sick. The plan adopted by the author appears to be a very rational method. He first explains the object of medicine and then, under the headings, mechanical agents, animate agents, infection, etc., discusses the different methods by which disease may be produced. In these chapters, which together comprise more than half the volume, will be found a concise but clear description of medical literature upon those subjects. The author has been very careful to avoid theories and hypotheses which are still under discussion, and has contented himself in reporting only those results which appeared to him to have been settled. In the chapter on the examination of the sick the author, in general terms, describes the methods which should be followed. Very little attention is given to bacteriological and chemical clinical methods. The last chapter of the book is devoted to the general principles of therapeutics. The book, taken as a whole, is a splendid work and will be found to be excellent reading for practitioners as well as for students.

Modern Surgery, General and Operative. By JOHN CHALMERS DACOSTA, M.D., Professor of the Principles of Surgery and Clinical Surgery Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia; Surgeon to the Philadelphia and to the St. Joseph's Hospital, Philadelphia. Third edition. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders & Co.

The third edition of this work, which has been already widely recommended as a text-book for students, has been considerably enlarged as a result of the rapidly increasing additions to surgical science. The work is neither too bulky nor too condensed. An advantage which is of great value in a text-book is that, as a rule, one method of treatment which has proved serviceable in the hands of the author is given rather than a variety which only confuses the student when he has to subsequently pick out one of the many for himself. This is particularly true in the division devoted to the consideration of fractures. Another good point is that it is well indexed.

A Text-Book of Pathology. By ALFRED STENGEL, M.D., Professor of Clinical Medicine in the University of Pennsylvania; Physician to the Philadelphia Hospital, etc. With 372 illustrations. Third Edition. Revised. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders & Co. 1900. Toronto: J. A. Carveth & Co. \$5.00.

This volume covers the whole field of clinical pathology with the exception of that on the skin and of the organs of special sense. Pathological technique has been omitted, except in a few instances,