

command, go into great detail. He makes his book interesting and instructive.

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*The Sterilization of Urethral Instruments, and Their Use in Some Urinary Complaints.* By HERBERT T. HERRING, M.B., B.S. (Durh.), M.R.C.S. (Eng.). London: H. K. Lewis, Publisher.

This is a book that should be carefully studied by every general practitioner, as well as by every surgeon, for there is no branch of surgery in which the ordinary rules of surgical cleanliness are more frequently violated than in that connected with urinary complaints.

Perhaps a practitioner has his instruments sterilized, and his hands carefully cleansed, and then proceeds to pass his instrument, without even washing the penis. Too often, even in hospital practice, have we seen the convalescence long delayed by an acute attack of cystitis, caused by some neglect in the technique that should surround the passing of a catheter.

A careful perusal of Herring's book will enable one to avoid completely the disasters caused by infection, that one has been called upon to remedy.

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*Starvation Treatment of Certain Malignant Growths.* By ROBERT H. M. DAWBARN, M.D. (The Samuel D. Gross Prize Essay.) Philadelphia: F. A. Davis Company, Publishers.

This is a most interesting study, and probably opens a new field for operations for malignant growths affecting the jaw, face, naso-pharynx, etc., that would otherwise seem inoperable, and this, too, with a fair modicum of success.

It is not the "ligation" treatment only, but the excision of the external carotids, and in this we believe it is unique and original.

The work covers a period of several years, and the table of results shows some cases remaining cured after an interval of eight years.

This should encourage surgeons to undertake many of these terrible cases, to which in the past we have been unable to hold out any hope.

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*Aids to Surgery.* By JOSEPH CUNNING, M.B., B.Sc., F.R.C.S., Medical Officer, Royal Free Hospital. London, England: Balliere, Tindall & Cox. 1904. Canadian agents: J. A. Carveth & Co., Limited, Toronto.

This compact little volume covers the surgical field very effectively. The arrangement is good, and the definitions are concise.