

OPERATIVE SURGERY.

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When the first volume of this work was reviewed, the prediction was made that the completed work would take rank with the best in the English language and would be a worthy rival of the work of Treves & Jacobson. This second and concluding volume more than bears out such prediction.

Dealing with original surgery, it necessarily takes up those subjects in which the most signal advances of surgical science have been made in the present generation. Without going into details, one may refer to the section treating of operations on the viscera connected with the peritoneum, and this reviewer is prepared to take and maintain the statement, as no better presentation of the subject can be found in similar space elsewhere in the English language. It is not simply good, it is admirable: It is scientific, practical, helpful, in short, just what it should be and just what such sections often are not. As a guide to practice it is thoroughly modern and safely and scientifically aggressive. It can be commended without the least reservation. Other sections of the work, as for example those dealing with the operations performed upon the head and neck, as well as upon the genito-urinary organs are equally satisfactory and show that every procedure discussed has been tested fairly and fully in the writer's own ample experience. The book is issued in D. Appleton & Company's well-known style, and having said this it is quite unnecessary to say more.

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