

How it could have been possible to spin out to nearly 700 pages a study of the anatomy, physiology and pathology of the solar plexus and of the cervico-uterine ganglia might prove a difficult problem to one even with the pen of a ready writer. If the said ready writer were disposed to be critical he might find it in his heart to ask if the practical results attained are in any fair proportion to the labor expended upon them.

To this we would make reply that science, for its own sake, is good, and that the grim utilitarian takes rank below the honest and accurate investigator. Interesting as Dr. Byron Robinson always is, we have sometimes thought that he stopped just a little, a very little, short of success in dealing with the questions which have so long engaged his attention and upon which he has written at such learned length.

A profusion of original wood cuts assist in making clear the text and add materially to the interest of the book. N. A. P.

*The Operations of Surgery.* Intended especially for the use of those appointed recently on a hospital staff, and for those preparing for higher examinations. By W. H. A. JACOBSON, M.Ch. (Oxon.), F.R.C.S., Consulting Surgeon Guy's Hospital; and R. P. ROWLANDS, M.S. (London), F.R.C.S., Assistant Surgeon and Surgeon to the Orthopedic Department, Guy's Hospital; Joint Teacher of Operative Surgery in the Medical School. Fifth Edition. With seven hundred and seventy-seven illustrations. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston's Son & Co., 1012 Walnut Street. 1908.

Those who are working for higher examinations or have recently been appointed to important hospital positions have long considered this splendid work as fulfilling a very great want. The book is essentially written for this class of practitioners, and is one which they, as well as all those who follow surgery, will find of extreme value. The mere fact of there being seven hundred and seventy-seven illustrations speaks well for the desire of the authors to present everything in as clear a manner as possible. The authors again adopt the system of dealing with each region separately, even though former critics had found fault with this method. It is almost impossible in a work of this size to attempt any critical review. Practically everything known to modern surgery is given, and all the methods that experience has proved of value are discussed. The authors have been very careful in their endeavor to give due credit to the work of others, and have presented two large volumes, each of which contains over nine hundred pages, which will remain a monument to the surgery of English writers. We think the book will be found of far greater use to the average general practitioner, who is sometimes called upon to do important