

with the opinions expressed by the hundreds of writers on this subject. They take the subject up from its early history till to-day, the chapter dealing with the history of appendicitis bringing the matter to as fine a point as possible. The technique of the operation for appendicial complications is very clearly given, and we like the method with which they treat the stump. We do not find any reference, however, to one of the rarer complications, pylephlebitis; it is a rare complication, but one that is met with frequently enough to be noted in a work of this kind. We would like to see the authors drop the diphthong in spelling, and such words as "adhaesions," "haemorrhage," "toxaemia," "faecal," spelled in the present accepted form. In the second volume we would like to see the index more complete, but these small defects will undoubtedly be overcome and the value of the work enhanced. We can thoroughly recommend it, also the manner in which the publishers have presented the work.

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**The After-Treatment of Operations.** A Manual for Practitioners and House Surgeons. By P. LOCKHART MUMMERY, F.R.C.S. (Eng.), B.A., M.B., B.C. (Cantab.), Demonstrator of Operative Surgery, St. George's Hospital, Late Senior House Surgeon, St. George's Hospital. London: Bailliere, Tindall & Cox, 8 Henrietta Street, Covent Garden. (All rights reserved.)

Mr. Mummery, in his preface to this volume, says: "The after-treatment of operation cases is a subject of such importance that it is not a little surprising to find how little has hitherto been written about it." It has been a deep regret to us in attending surgical clinics to notice that, as soon as the operative procedure was over, the class, or at any rate ninety per cent. of it, took themselves off, leaving the dressing to be done without in any way watching the methods of procedure. Occasional enquiry might be made as to the result, but seldom has the case been seen in the ward, or followed through to its termination. The after-treatment of an operation is the much neglected subject in surgery to-day. The after-treatments by different surgeons vary widely, and it is only by a wide experience and a knowledge of the best methods that ideal results can be attained. We find in this volume everything to commend itself, and do not think we say anything too much when we say that it is one of the works that every operative surgeon should have in his possession. Every recent graduate should have it, and read it before attempting any surgical work. If professors of surgery would pay more attention in their lectures to the after-treatment, it would be much better for their pupils. The profession is undoubtedly under an obligation to Mr. Mummery for this very elaborate and concise work. The publishers have presented the volume very neatly, with clear type and on good paper.