BOOK REVIEWS

SURGERY. ITS PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE. For students and practitioners. By Astley Paston Cooper Ashhurst, A.B., M.D., F.A.C.S., Instructor in Surgery in the University of Pennsylvania, Associate Surgeon to the Episcopal Hospital, and Assistant Surgeon to the Philadelphia Orthopaedic Hospital and Infirmary for Nervous Diseases. 1141 pages, 7 colored plates and 1022 illustrations in the text. Philadelphia and New York: Lea and Febiger, 1914.

The entire field of the principles and practice of surgery is amply covered in this book with the exception of the specialties of the eye, ear, nose and throat. Genito-urinary surgery, gynecology and orthopaedics have been referred to only in so far as the author believes them to come within the province of general surgery. Emphasis has been placed on the underlying principles of surgery and pathogenesis, diagnosis and indications for treatment are well worked out. In a book of this size it is easily understood it is not possible to describe all methods of treatment, or even all of the better methods of treatment; however, the author has made a wise selection, though here and there there is room for difference of opinion as, for example, in the operation for cleft palate, the operation of Lane not being described. The author’s style for the most part is admirable. The illustrations are excellent, for the most part original, and complement the text admirably. The author has carried out his purpose, as expressed in the preface, to furnish a foundation on which a knowledge of surgery may be built. It is intended primarily as a text-book for students and as such fulfils its purpose and is to be recommended.

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This book is not intended for a book of reference but should be read during moments of leisure and time taken to thoroughly assimilate its contents. It will be most valuable to the undergraduate student. The author has endeavored to teach in a simple and logical way some of the basic principles of physiology, anatomy, pathology and