

in its preparation a large experience and a wide range of reading on the part of the author. The arrangement of material is done with much skill and as a textbook is quite equal in authority to those which are provided for advance students of medicine.

**THE MORPHIA HABIT AND ITS VOLUNTARY RENUNCIATION.** By OSCAR JENNINGS, M.D. (Paris). London, Baillière Tindall and Cox; Paris, Brentano, 1909.

The preface to this book opens with a statement of "fact," that one medical man out of four is a drug habitué, usually a morphinist; that the proportion of medical addicts to the total of cases is in some statistics as high as 90 per cent., and that one-fifth of the mortality in the profession is said to be caused by morphinism. We take the liberty of contradicting the author. The volume is devoted in a large part to recording the experience of patients in their own words, who are striving to rid themselves of the habit. There is much interesting reading in the book; or rather, it might be interesting to those who are addicted to the practice of taking morphine.

**THE PRACTICAL MEDICINE SERIES, Vol. IV., GYNÆCOLOGY.** By EMILIUS C. DUDLEY, A.M., M.D. and C. VON BACHELLE, M.S., M.D. The Year Book Publishers, Chicago.

This volume opens with a discussion of the general principles of gynæcology of a practical nature, dealing with the problems the gynæcologist has to deal with every day. Diagnosis, technique and practical therapeutics, including local and lumbar anæsthesia; the technique and after-treatment of laparotomy; serotherapy and the opsonic index in gynæcology and passive hyperæmia and some of the latest methods of operating. The various infections of the female generative organs are dealt with, their differential diagnosis and treatment, with special reference to tuberculosis of the pelvic organs, and the various complications, particularly those of appendicitis, pyosalpinx and intrapelvic abscess. Malformations, tumours of the pelvic organs, their diagnosis and the technique and merits of the various operations for their eradication are discussed, hysterectomy and hysterotomy, together with displacements, disorders of menstruation and sterility.

**Vol. V, OBSTETRICS,** by JOSEPH B. DELÉE, A.M., M.D., and HERBERT M. STOWE, M. D.

This little work contains, in reference form, the most recent advances made in the various problems presented to the busy practitioner. The physiology, pathology and diagnosis of pregnancy and abortion are first