

been a contributor to obstetric literature, and has frequently read papers upon his chosen field of work before medical gatherings. It is needless to say that on no occasion did he fall below, but rather rose above, the high expectations formed in advance regarding what he might have to say. The work before us is the outcome of long years of close study and extensive experience, the best uses of both having been made by his sound judgment and honest purpose.

The subject matter of the book has been divided into physiological obstetrics and pathological obstetrics. In the first section the author deals with anatomy, physiology, the embryo and fetus, pregnancy, physiology of labor, the management of normal labor, the puerperal state and abnormal presentations. The second part of the book discusses diseases of pregnancy, intercurrent diseases of pregnancy, diseases of pregnancy and the puerperium, ectopic pregnancy, hemorrhages, miscarriage, prolonged and precipitate labors, abnormal conditions of the uterus and mammary glands, insanity, antiseptics and infection, deformities of the pelvis, and obstetric operations both minor and major.

This is a full catalogue of diseases and conditions, and furnishes plenty of text matter for a most exhaustive study of the subject of obstetrics. Chapter by chapter we have reviewed this book, with a steadily growing appreciation of its contents. We have here in moderate space—the book does not quite run to six hundred pages—the very best to be found in the whole range of the science and art of obstetrics. But, in addition to the excellence of the subject matter, a generous word of praise can be said as to the form in which it is given to the reader: Dr. Wright commands a fine style. On these counts of matter and form this book complies fully with Kant's tests for the merit of all books.

Naturally enough the reader will instinctively turn to the more difficult portions of the subject of obstetrics. It is in the handling of such topics as tuberculosis and cardiac diseases in connection with pregnancy, ectopic gestation, eclampsia, albuminuria, septicemia, troublesome miscarriages, etc., that the real strength of the author appears. We do not hesitate to state that the advice contained in this book upon these subjects will be found to be the very best available anywhere.

The publishers have done their part well, and have produced a very handsome volume. We bespeak for this work on obstetrics a very extensive sale, and will venture the opinion that, of the various books on the possessors' shelves, none will be taken down more frequently nor more profitably for perusal