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This is a volume of 171 pages, representing all the papers read before the College from January, 1895, to the end of the year, many of which are of exceeding interest. A list of the officers and past presidents is given, and a complete list of the Fellows and Associate Fellows, corresponding members and necrological list. The William Jenks' prize essay of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, consisting of 179 pages, is bound with the Transactions. The prize was awarded to A. Brothers, B.S., M.D., of New York city, who writes on *Infantile Mortality during Childbirth, and its Prevention*. This is the second time this prize of five hundred dollars has been awarded. There were six competitors. The essay is an exhaustive one, and besides giving a careful birds'-eye view of the entire subject, points out all the advances made in recent years in the interest of the unborn child, previous to labor, during the critical hours of active labor and in the earliest period of life succeeding labor. It is a valuable contribution, worthy of being "read and studied" by all who undertake the responsibilities of accoucheurs.

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