

edge of normal labor with all its preventive possibilities is perhaps better appreciated on this continent than in older countries, because a kind Providence has thus far mercifully preserved us from the licensed midwife.

In the consideration of pathological and operative obstetrics an effort has been made to give full and definite directions for the treatment of all the emergencies which arise in the practise of midwifery. The pathological conditions arising in pregnancy, labor and the puerperium, and the relationship between them and such diseases as tuberculosis, appendicitis, heart disease, syphilis, gonorrhœa, nephritis, general toxæmia, etc., have been fully discussed.

The Book is divided into two parts: I. Physiological Obstetrics; II. Pathological and Operative Obstetrics. In making such a division, which is done partly for teaching purposes, it is not presumed that a definite line always separates the normal from the abnormal in midwifery. Part I contains the subjects of the third-year course; Part II contains those of the fourth-year course in the University of Toronto.

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