

Painless Childbirth. By DR. CARL HENRY DAVIS. Chicago: Forbes & Co. Price, \$1.00.

A book of unusual importance has just appeared, written by Dr. Carl Henry Davis, of Rush Medical College and The Presbyterian Hospital of Chicago, entitled "Painless Childbirth, Eutocia and Nitrous Oxid-Oxygen Analgesia. This book is important for two reasons: it is the first book by an obstetrician to thoroughly discuss the various methods employed in the attempt to secure painless childbirth; and, secondly, it is the first report of the results of varied experience with the nitrous oxid-oxygen analgesia, which will undoubtedly become the analgesic of choice in obstetrics.

The first part of the book traces the development of the attempts to relieve the suffering of labor. The chemistry, pharmacology and toxicology of the various analgesics are compared and their advantages and disadvantages considered with unbiased fairness.

In the second part of this volume eutocia is given as the goal for which the physician is striving.

A Manual of Pathology. By GUTHRIE McCONNELL, M.D., formerly Professor of Pathology and Bacteriology, Temple University, Medical Department, Philadelphia. Third revised edition. 12mo volume of 585 pages, illustrated. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company. 1915. Cloth, \$2.50 net. Sole Canadian Agents: The J. F. Hartz Co., Ltd., Toronto.

This is a well-arranged and well-written book. The new edition brings it abreast of present-day pathology and bacteriology. The student will find it a very explicit textbook, while the practitioner may study it with profit as giving a working manual which will briefly keep him in touch with the general and specific parts of the two subjects.

Instinct and Intelligence. By N. C. MACNAMARA, F.R.C.S. London: Oxford Medical Publications. Toronto: McAinsh & Co., Limited. Price, \$2.00.

In the pages of this little book an effort is made to determine the training of the intellect, and that the behaviour of human beings depends upon the work performed by definite parts of the brain. It is an inquiry into how far education can go in developing intellectual phenomena. It will aid in understanding how to build up in the child a chaste and self-reliant character.