

*Intubation of the Larynx.* By F. E. WAXHAM, M.D. Chicago: Charles Truax. 1888.

This a new book on a new subject. The operation of intubation of the larynx is one which, except in a few cases in the large cities, has not yet been generally introduced in Canada. This work tells, in brief and concise form, all that is necessary for practical purposes to know regarding the operation. The description of the most improved instruments required, and the minute directions for the performance of the operation, will be most instructive to those physicians who have not yet tried the operation. A careful record of 150 cases, in the author's own practice, shows the results of the operation, which indicate an average percentage of recoveries of 27.20 per cent. The book includes forty-five illustrations, is well printed on good paper, and is written by one than whom there can be no better authority.

*Annual of the Universal Medical Sciences. A yearly report of the progress of the general sanitary sciences throughout the world.* Edited by CHAS. E. SAJOUS, M.D., Lecturer on Laryngology and Rhinology in Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, etc., and seventy Associate Editors, assisted by over two hundred Corresponding Editors, Collaborators and Correspondents. Illustrated with chromolithographs, engravings and maps. Volumes I, II, III, IV, and V. 1888. Philadelphia and London: F. A. Davis, Publisher.

"The object of the *Annual of the Universal Medical Sciences* is to collate the progressive features of medical literature at large, and clinical data from countries in which no literature exists, and to present the whole once a year in a continued form, prepared by writers of known ability. As such it is expected to become a helpmate to the practitioner, in his efforts to relieve suffering and to assist the investigator by correlating facts, thus enabling him to better compare." We have had much pleasure in perusing some volumes of this very excellent work, and we assure the profession that the objects of the work have been carefully kept in view, and, we may add, successfully carried out. We note that, though the older countries have contributed a great mass of important medical and surgical data, Canada has also assisted in advancing the medical literature of the past year. The five volumes

are worthy the erudite editor and his honored associates, who are to be complimented upon the satisfactory completion of their arduous undertaking in so brilliant a manner. We cordially recommend this work to our readers, and trust that the publisher, Mr. F. Davis, of Philadelphia, may have a hearty financial support. *Decies repetita placebit.*

*A System of Obstetrics by American Authors.*

Edited by BARTON COOKE HIRST, M.D., Associate Professor of Obstetrics in the University of Pennsylvania, etc. Volume I., illustrated, with a colored plate and three hundred and nine engravings on wood. Philadelphia: Lea Brothers & Co. Toronto: J. E. Bryant & Co.

The subject of obstetrics is rich in literature at the present time, and the question is likely to arise, Is there any room for such a work as this? After looking through this volume we have no hesitation in saying there is. The contributors are Dr. Busey, of Washington; Dr. Englemann, of St. Louis; Drs. Hirst, Parvin and Penrose, of Philadelphia; Dr. Jaggard, of Chicago; Dr. Martin, of Baltimore; and Dr. Reeve, of Dayton. The first chapter contains an exceedingly interesting history of obstetrics, which includes a valuable description of antiseptic methods.

The second chapter contains a discussion on the Physiology and Histology of *Menstruation and Ovulation*, with a description of the development of the embryo, by Dr. Martin. Among the other subjects treated are Anomalies and Diseases of the Fœtus; Physiology, Pathology and Diagnosis of Pregnancy; Conduct, Mechanism and Uses of Anæsthetics in Labor.

These subjects are treated in an admirable manner, as might be expected when we consider the reputation of the various distinguished authors. Judging from the contents of this volume, we have nothing but the highest praise for the work, and we believe that every physician in general practice, who ought to have something more comprehensive than our ordinary textbooks, excellent though they are, would do well to procure it.

A baby weighing fifteen pounds and fifteen ounces at birth was recently delivered at Richmond, Va.