

THE SCIENCE AND ART OF OBSTETRICS. By Theophilus Parvin, M.D., LL.D., Prof. of Obstetrics, etc., Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia; Octavo 697 pages, with 214 engravings. Philadelphia: Lea Bros. & Co. \$4.25.

The author in his preface says: "This work was begun five years ago, and a task which then seemed comparatively easy grew in difficulty as the author proceeded in his effort to present a clear, and, as far as the limits of such a volume permit, a complete exposition of the Science and Art of Obstetrics." Nearly his entire time, for the last eight months, has been devoted to the rearrangement of material that had been collected, adding to it, and to its supervision as the book was passing through the press. He has endeavored to present the most recent information relating to Obstetrics, at the same time not overlooking important truths established by past experience. Having been actively engaged in practice for upwards of thirty-four years—and nearly two-thirds of that time a medical teacher—he has endeavored to write a book which will be useful alike to students and practitioners. This new treatise on the Science and Art of Obstetrics will undoubtedly prove acceptable and useful to the profession. We recommend it to the attention of our readers.

MANUAL OF LIFE INSURANCE EXAMINATIONS. By James Thorburn, M.D., Edin., Prof. of Materia Medica, Toronto School of Medicine, Surgeon Toronto General Hospital, etc. Toronto: Ellis & Moore.

This little brochure will, we are sure, be gladly welcomed by the medical profession in Canada. The examination of applicants for life insurance is a most important duty, and one requiring a knowledge of many facts not taught in our schools, and not alluded to in the text-books; hence the value of a work of this kind. It deals with classification of risks; influence of heredity and other circumstances affecting the risk; examination of the urine; expectation of life, etc. The work will be found most practical and useful, and should be in the hands of those who are in the habit of examining applicants for life insurance.

HOW WE TREAT WOUNDS TO-DAY. A treatise on the subject of Antiseptic Surgery by Robt. T. Morris, M.D., late surgeon to Bellevue Hospital.

Second Edition. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, \$1.00.

This quaint and unique little work has been most favorably received by the profession. The author says in the "FIRST WORD": "This book is modest only in size. It possesses dignity only in its facts. There is little of originality in what it teaches." The author's idea is "to present in digestible form a dish of truth from which all the bones have been removed." The style, matter and construction of the work bear out the author's statements in his "First Word."

VICARIOUS MENSTRUATION.—Puech has collected the statistics of 200 cases of vicarious menstruation, with a view to determine the parts of the body most liable to be the seat of vicarious hemorrhage. Bleeding occurred from the roots of the hair in 6 cases; from the auditory canal in 6; from the lachrymal gland in 10; nose, 18; gums, 10; cheeks, 3; mouth, 4; bronchi, 24; stomach, 32; mammary glands, 25; axilla, 10; umbilicus, 5; bladder, 8; intestines, 10; hands, 7; inferior extremities, 13; various other regions, 8. In girls who are the subjects of vicarious menstruation, the genitals are always moist at the menstrual periods, and give rise to a muco-sanguinolent secretion.—*Giornale Italiano delle Scienze Mediche.*

MUSCULAR RHEUMATISM DUE TO THE USE OF TOBACCO.—I have met a great many cases of muscular rheumatism (says Dr. Edward Lawson in the *Maryland Medical Journal*) due to the use of tobacco in some form, mostly in the shape of snuff placed under the tongue. All remedies were unavailing whilst the use of the weed was indulged in. Every practitioner, I think, on meeting with a case of the above disorder, should inquire as to the tobacco habit, and correct it, if possible.

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

On the 7th ult., Dr. Jas. Beckwith, of Tusket N.S., aged 76 years.

On the 5th ult., H. M. Peters, M.D., of Carleton, N.B., aged 67 years.

In Toronto, on the 20th Feb., Dr. J. W. Patterson, formerly of Harrowsmith, Ont., aged 33 years.

* * * The charge for Notices of Births, Deaths and Marriages is Fifty Cents, which should be forwarded in postage stamps with the communications.