

nize the fact that this is not universally accepted as the correct way to treat the albuminuria of pregnancy due to nephritis. This plan of treatment was discarded some years ago in the Burnside Lying-in Hospital, of Toronto, because it was thought that the administration of iron and diuretics did more harm than good in the majority of such cases, and that a modified milk diet was quite as good as the absolute. We have no decided objection to the operation for the induction of abortion as described by our authors, but we think that the dilatation of the cervical canal to the extent of "an inch and a half to two inches," as recommended, is not always quite safe. In any case, the simple method of inducing abortion by puncturing the membranes with a uterine sound should not be entirely ignored in such a work as this. The description of Pelzer's method of inducing premature labor by injections of glycerine is inaccurate, and would favor the injection of air into the uterus—the very thing the authors caution us against.

The directions as to the application of the forceps are generally good ; but what means the following? "Carcinoma of the cervix, inasmuch as the cervix is rendered so pliable, is a contraindication to the application of forceps." The chapter treating of version is exceptionally good. The descriptions of the major operations and the considerations for election are excellent, as a rule ; but the description of symphysiotomy might be a little more definite, especially in regard to the two recognized methods—the subcutaneous and the open. The closing chapters on the surgery of the puerperium call for nothing in the shape of adverse criticism.

Upon the whole, this is a good book. The good features far overbalance the deficiencies, to which we have given, perhaps, too much prominence. The authors have shown considerable originality and force, but, taken altogether, there is evidence of too much haste in mixing up in a heap a lot of good things. A little less individuality, some slight recognition of the fact that there are other obstetricians alive in the universe, a correction of some errors in details, a little *touching up* of the English here and there, and some commonplace proofreading, would considerably improve the next edition.