

**AN AMERICAN TEXT-BOOK OF OBSTETRICS FOR PRACTITIONERS AND STUDENTS.** By Drs. James C. Cameron, Edward P. Davis, Robert L. Dickinson, Charles Warrington Earle, James H. Etheridge, Henry J. Garrigues, Barton Cook Hirst, Charles Jewett, Howard A. Kelly, Richard C. Norris, Chauncy D. Palmer, Theophilus Parvin, George A. Piersol, Edward Reynolds, and Henry Schwarz. Robert C. Norris, M.D., editor; Robert L. Dickinson, M.D., art editor. With nearly 900 colored and half-tone illustrations. Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders, 925 Walnut street.

Our review of this admirable text-book of obstetrics should have appeared several months ago. We regret the delay which was caused by an accident, chiefly because such a work as this should be announced at the earliest possible date after its publication. The list of contributors contains the well-known names of very able obstetrical teachers and practitioners. The editors tell us that "while the various authors were each assigned special themes for discussion, nevertheless an attempt has been made, so to correlate the subject-matter as to preserve throughout the text a logical sequence not always found in composite publications." We have only to say respecting this that they have been remarkably successful in carrying from beginning to end a continuity that deserves the highest commendation. We can find no single section in the whole book which calls for adverse criticism. The numerous colored and half-tone illustrations are, on the whole, better than any we have seen in other text-books on midwifery. The book is, perhaps, too large to become popular among medical students; but we can assure this important class of readers that the extra time required for its perusal should not be considered a drawback. As a matter of fact, a system of cramming from concise "aids" can never make well qualified obstetricians. We cannot discuss the many merits of the work in detail; but, we may say, in a general way, we believe it is the best text-book in its subject now available for advanced students (we might even delete the word "advanced") and general practitioners.

**ANOMALIES AND CURIOSITIES OF MEDICINE.** Being an encyclopædic collection of rare and extraordinary cases, and of the most striking instances of abnormality and all branches of medicine and surgery, derived from an exhaustive research of medical literature from its origin to the present day, abstracted, classified, annotated, and indexed. By George M. Gould, A.M., M.D., and Walter L. Pyle, A.M., M.D. With 295 illustrations in the text and 12 half tone and colored plates. Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders, 95 Walnut street. 1897. Prices, cloth, \$6 net; half morocco, \$7 net. Sold only by subscription.

The authors of this very interesting book have spent a great amount of time and work in searching through the large libraries of Europe and America for striking cases of abnormalities, or, as they say, of anomalies and curiosities of medicine, surgery, and midwifery. As a result of their enormous work we have in this volume a description of these almost countless curious things which they have selected from ancient and modern medical literature. It would be impossible in a short review to