

in the handling of obstetrical cases have enabled him to present concisely and yet with most painstaking fulness all the information needed by the nurse to achieve the success in this important field that is conditioned on a full understanding and complete grasp of the minor niceties as well as the fundamentals.

Indeed, as stated in the preface, the needs of medical student and practitioner have been kept in mind as well as those of the nurse. This is due as much to the author's belief that satisfactory results can only be obtained when the physician is fully posted on the approved minutiae of obstetrical nursing as to a realization that the exigencies of obstetrical practice may compel the nurse to act in place of the physician instead of as his assistant. Hence the section devoted to the handling of labor is more complete and detailed than might be expected in a work of this class.

The author nowhere loses sight of the primary purpose to develop efficiency in obstetrical nursing, but in his preliminary chapters presents a series of general observations of unique value to the nurse about to step from hospital surroundings to the changed conditions of private nursing.

The anatomical structure and functions of the pelvis, the genital and adpacent organs of woman, the development of the foetus and the relations of the child to its mother are clearly set forth. The physiological and pathological changes of pregnancy; the nursing technique before, during and after labor and of obstetrical operations; lactation; the care of the patients in both ordinary cases and in the rarer forms of puerperal disturbance, are given detailed consideration. The chapters devoted to the early care of infants, infant feeding, and to diet, embody the best present-day thought on these difficult subjects, presented by one peculiarly qualified to make it available to the nurse.

Nothing has been omitted which is essential to a full appreciation of the duties of the nurse in obstetrical cases, or to the full understanding of principles and procedure. Its clear straightforward diction and uninvolved presentation of the most approved modern methods constitute it an ideal text-book for nurse or medical student and a not less useful handbook for the practitioner.

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#### A COMPEND OF OBSTETRICS.

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