

giving especial attention to the much-discussed treatment of prostatic hypertrophy. Dr. John Rose Bradford, in the section on Diseases of the Kidneys, discusses very fully the many manifestations of renal diseases, their complications, and the most recent methods of treatment. The section on Physiology by Dr. Brubaker will prove of more than usual interest and value to the general practitioner. He describes fully the wonderful experiments and discoveries concerning life and vital reactions which have been made by Professors Loeb and Mathews. These have been so generally exploited in popular magazines, and have attracted such widespread interest that a scientific *resume* of their real value is a necessity to every medical man. Dr. Harrington's chapter on Hygiene relates the wonderful results attained by the practical applications of recent investigations into the cause and prevention of such diseases as yellow fever and malaria. The Therapeutic Referendum presents all the facts regarding the most recent remedies and methods of treatment. This feature alone would suffice to make the volume indispensable to the up-to-date physician.

Obstetrics. A Text-Book for Students and Practitioners. By J. WILLIAMS, Professor of Obstetrics, Johns Hopkins University; Obstetrician-in-Chief to the Johns Hopkins Hospital; Gynecologist to the Union Protestant Infirmary, Baltimore. With eight colored plates and six hundred and thirty illustrations in the Text. Cloth, price, \$6.00. New York and London; D. Appleton & Co., 1903.

Dr. Williams tells us that he has attempted in this book to set forth the scientific basis for and the practical application of the obstetrical art. We may say in a general way that his efforts have been highly successful. The plan of the work is very like that adopted by Jewett and Norris in the admirable text-books which they have edited. Apart from the chapters in Jewett's work, written by Williams, there is a somewhat striking similarity in the subject matter in the book by American authors and that written by the distinguished obstetrician of Baltimore. This may cause a slight feeling of disappointment in the minds of those who expect to find much that is new in Williams' book. The author expresses the hope that the book may prove serviceable as a laboratory guide to students. We have only to say in this regard that we do not know where students can find a better laboratory guide. It may be thought too voluminous for the average student, but it will be highly appreciated by the better class of students who desire to acquire the scientific basis upon which to found their knowledge of obstetrics. It will be found very useful for practitioners who desire a safe, reliable and complete book of reference for both the science and art of obstetrics. The illustrations are excellent and add much to the value of the book.