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MEDICAL GYNAECOLOGY. By Howard A. Kelly, A.B., M.D., LL.D., F.R.C.S. (Hon. Edin.), Professor of Gynaecological Surgery in the Johns Hopkins University, and Gynaecologist to the Johns Hopkins Hospital, etc. Pp. 662; 163 illustrations, for the most part by Max Broedel and A. Horn. New York and London: D. Appleton & Company. 1908.

This recent production of Dr. Kelly's should do much to satisfy a need that is pressing. It is especially adapted for the use of the general practitioner, into whose hands practically all gynaecological patients first come. Dealing, as it does, with the various diseased conditions and their management up to the point where the gynaecological surgeon, as such, becomes essential, it is not burdensome. For the student at college it is excellent, though insufficient as a work on gynaecology, because it does not treat of the surgeon's work in respect to gynaecological conditions—the students of to-day being expected by slave-driving medical educationists to attain a specialist's knowledge in all and sundry departments of medicine and surgery before graduation. A careful and complete perusal of its pages from cover to cover convinces one of the high capabilities of the writer, both as a surgeon and as an instructor in the science of gynaecology. The information contained in the book is vast, valuable and of a practical kind. Reading it has been a profit-