

## Book Reviews.

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A TREATISE ON OBSTETRICS. For Students and Practitioners. By Edward P. Davis, A. M., M. D., Professor of Obstetrics and Diseases of Infancy in the Philadelphia Polyclinic; Clinical Professor of Obstetrics in the Jefferson Medical College, of Philadelphia. In one octavo volume of about 600 pages, with 217 engravings and 30 full-page plates in colors and monochrome. Cloth, \$5; leather, \$6.

This work, which is one of the most recent on obstetrics, is very well gotten up.

The work is divided into seven sections. Section I. deals with pregnancy and labor; II., with pathology of labor; III., with obstetrical operations; IV., with abortion and the puerperal state; V., with infancy in health and disease; VI., with diseases of infancy; VII., with the jurisprudence of obstetrics.

We think the author has very wisely omitted the usual chapter on anatomical description of the female genital organs, which occupies many pages in most text-books. He only touches on anatomical description just in so far as it will elucidate the study of the art of obstetrics.

Under the subject of obstetric diagnosis reference is made to the recent work with "X" rays, and a couple of skiagraphs are given by way of illustration. On page 53 are statements concerning the action of the "X" rays on cells and bacteria which we think are not yet proven to be true. In fact, there are some cases on record which show that at least a dermatitis with more or less pain may be produced by the action of these rays. (See CANADIAN PRACTITIONER, November, 1896.)

There are many plates to accompany the text, some of which are extremely good, and others are rather poor. We think the illustrations on pages 318-325 are hardly up to the mark. In all other respects, however, the book is well worth perusal and study, and will hold its own with all the best and most recent treatises on obstetrics.

THE INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL ANNUAL, 1897. A complete work of reference for medical practitioners. The conjoint authorship of forty-one distinguished American, British, and continental authorities. Price \$2.75. Fifteenth year. 8vo. morocco cloth, about 700 pages. Illustrated: E. B. Treat: 5 Cooper Union, New York.

This very welcome annual will shortly be ready for distribution. We always look forward to the "International Annual." The review of the past year's work is always thorough and complete. About forty of the most prominent men of international reputation contribute to the success of this work. The articles are concise, yet complete.