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**REPORT ON ABDOMINAL AND PELVIC SURGERY, INCLUDING THIRTY-TWO SUCCESSFUL CASES OF LAPAROTOMY.** Report of the Chairman of the Committee on Abdominal and Pelvic Surgery, read before the Kentucky State Medical Society, May 6, 1892. By William H. Wathen, M.D., of Louisville, Ky. Professor of Abdominal Surgery and Gynecology in the Kentucky School of Medicine; ex-President of the Section on Obstetrics and Gynecology of the American Medical Association; ex-President of the Kentucky State Medical Society; Fellow of the American Gynecological Society, of the American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and of the Southern Surgical and Gynecological Society; Consulting Gynecologist to the Louisville City Hospital, etc.

**A MANUAL OF OBSTETRICS.**—By A. F. A. King, A.M., M.D., Professor of obstetrics and diseases of women and children in the medical department of the Columbian University, Washington, D.C., and in the University of Vermont; President (1885-86-87) of the Washington Obstetrical & Gynecological Society; Fellow of the British Gynecological and of the American Gynecological Societies; consulting physician to the Children's hospital; consulting physician to the Woman's Dispensary, Washington, D. C.; obstetrician to the Columbia Lying-in hospital; member of the Medical, Philosophical, Anthropological and Biological Societies of Washington, D.C., etc. Fifth edition with one hundred and fifty illustrations. Cloth \$2.50. Philadelphia, Lea Brothers & Co., 1892.

The author says: The chief purpose of this book is to present, in an easily intelligible form, such an outline of the rudiments and essentials of Obstetric Science as may constitute a good ground work for the student at the beginning of his obstetric studies, and one by which it is hoped he will be the better prepared to understand and assimilate the extensive knowledge and classical descriptions contained in larger and more elaborate text books. Confessedly, in great part, a compilation from these, it is upon the more recent treatises of Leishman, Playfair and Lusk that I have most largely depended as authorities in dealing with matters that are still unsettled, and it is with pleasure I acknowledge my indebtedness to these authors.

Whatever value the book may possess as a book of reference for the practitioner, I cannot but hope it may prove of service to those whose onerous duties allow but little leisure for con-

sulting larger works, and who simply desire to refresh their minds upon the more essential points of obstetric practice.

Dr. King has long been known as a most accomplished writer on the subject of obstetrics and gynecology. He has succeeded admirably in furnishing a good groundwork to the obstetric student at the outset of studies. Although ostensibly written for the busy practitioner will find much information within its pages that he will not find in any work. Of the 141 illustrations it may safely be said that they all illustrate, and that the engraver's work is excellent. From every standpoint we can heartily recommend the book to practitioner and student.

**A MANUAL OF CHEMISTRY,** for the use of students of medicine. By Arthur P. Luff, M.D., B.Sc., Lecturer on Medical Jurisprudence and Toxicological Chemistry, St. Mary's Hospital Medical School, London. In one 12mo. volume of 522 pages, with 36 engravings. Cloth, \$2.00. Philadelphia, Lea Brothers & Co., 1892.

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