

of America would not fail of appreciation, the success achieved by this work has exceeded the most sanguine expectations. The great demand for the work in its two-volume form brought with it sufficient indications to warrant the belief that a somewhat condensed edition in a single volume and at a correspondingly lower price would add to its popularity. That two editions of a work should be simultaneously extant is a novelty worthy of comment. Practitioners and many students desiring the fuller information in the two-volume edition will naturally prefer it, but the condensed edition maintains the convenient division into general and special surgery and thus preserves the conformity of the work with the surgical courses rapidly becoming universal, and it will answer the needs of students as well as of those who desire a comprehensive and practical single-volume work on the subject. The reduction in price is proportionately much greater than the reduction in matter, and is an advantage which purchasers will appreciate, and one which has only been rendered possible by the exceedingly wide sale already achieved.

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*The Treatment of Pelvic Inflammations Through the Vagina.* By WILLIAM R. PRYOR, M.D., Professor of Gynecology, New York Polyclinic; Consulting Surgeon, City Charity Hospital; Visiting Surgeon, St. Elizabeth Hospital, New York City. With 110 illustrations. Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders, 1899. Toronto: J. A. Carveth & Co., Canadian Agents. Price, \$2.00.

A timely and valuable little contribution for the general practitioner, who has neither the time nor the inclination for the reading of larger works on the same subject. The writer's well-known experience as a gynecologist will no doubt create a desire in many to familiarize themselves with the author's methods and technique in pelvic inflammations by vaginal section. The work is a special plea for the vaginal, over the abdominal route, in the operative treatment of these pelvic inflammations, and as such will be found both serviceable and valuable. The illustrations number over one hundred and are fully up to the times in that class of work; and the directions which accompany the several operations are clear, precise and readily comprehended.

*The Hygiene of Transmissible Diseases: Their Causation, Modes of Dissemination and Methods of Prevention.* By A. C. ABBOTT, M.D., Professor of Hygiene and Bacteriology and Director of the Laboratory of Hygiene, University of Pennsylvania. Octavo, 311 pages, illustrated. Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders. Canadian Agents, J. A. Carveth & Co., Toronto, Canada. Price, \$2.00.

This work, which is essentially a portion of the subject-matter of the author's lectures on "General Hygiene" at the University of