

*Practical Points in Gynecology.* By H. MACNAUGHTON-JONES, Master of Obstetrics (*honoris causa*) Royal University of Ireland, etc. With twelve plates. London: Baillière, Tindall & Cox. Demy 8vo. Price, 4/6 net.

In the words of the author, "These chapters are reprints of a series of communications which appeared in the *Edinburgh Medical Journal*, and which were written for it by the author at the request of the editor." There are six chapters, each giving a clear presentation of a separate subject. Throughout the work there is abundant evidence of the author's large experience, extensive information and sound judgment.

The first chapter, on "Some points in gynecological asepsis," is especially interesting, coming as it does from the pen of one who began his operative career in the earlier days of "Listerism," and who has followed the progress of that system up to the present day. "Some pitfalls in gynecological diagnosis," "The therapeutics of disorders of menstruation," "Conservatism and its influence on operative technique affections of the female genitalia as causal factors in the etiology of neurosis and insanity, and their special bearing on the operative treatment of the insane," "The indications for the operations of hysterectomy and myo-hysterectomy in myoma," are the subjects of the remaining chapters. The plates which illustrate the book are good photographs, well reproduced. We heartily recommend this little book for its operative and therapeutic points.

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*Appendicitis and its Surgical Treatment, with a Report of One Hundred and Eighty-five Operated Cases.* By HERMANN MYNTER, M.D., Copenhagen, Professor of Clinical Surgery in University of Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y. Third revised edition. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Co.

We have before us the third edition of the above work, which deals with the subject of appendicitis from early-historical times to the present, presenting accurately the history of the disease through its many names and stages. The volume was written in 1898 as a thesis for the doctorate degree of the University of Copenhagen. It has been considerably enlarged since its original issue, and brought entirely up to date. It is only two years since the original was written, yet changes have taken place in the opinions on appendicitis. Dr. Mynter has made a most close study of this subject, and his description of the anatomy, histology, physiology and pathology of the appendix is most concise and complete. He has not confined himself entirely to the surgical aspect of the disease, but has examined thoroughly into appendicitis from a medical, as well as a surgical, standpoint. Although it is his belief that it is purely a surgical disease. He devotes considerable space in the