

A TEXT-BOOK OF OBSTETRICS.

Fourth Edition, Enlarged and Thoroughly Revised.

By Barton Cooke Hirst, M.D., Professor of Obstetrics in the University of Pennsylvania. Handsome octavo, 900 pages, with 746 illustrations, 39 of them in colors. Philadelphia, New York, London: W. B. Saunders & Company, 1903. Cloth, \$5.00 net; Sheep or Half Morocco, \$6.00 net.

In revising this work for this edition, the author has spared no pains to make the book reflect the latest knowledge on the subject. He has even described and illustrated the method of using the "Neumann-Ehrenfest Kliseometer." His perfect familiarity and extensive experience with diseases of women is shown in the careful and minute manner in which he describes the various methods of treatment. As most all the diseases of women are the consequences or complications of childbirth, their preventive treatment at least is in the hands of the obstetrician, and the physician in general practice must be equally well informed in both branches of gynecology. The specialist in obstetrics must be an expert in the surgical treatment of all diseases of women. Even a specialist who confines his work entirely to this treatment, must at least have served a long apprenticeship in practical obstetrics, and have mastered its science to be adequately prepared for his work. From the glimpse we have obtained of Dr. Hirst's knowledge of diseases of women, we wait anxiously for his new work on that subject. In this present work every page has been altered and bettered in some way. More attention has been given than in the previous editions to the diseases of the genital organs associated with or following childbirth, and this we think, is an excellent improvement. Many of the old illustrations have been replaced by better ones, and there have been added besides a number entirely new. The work treats the subject from a clinical standpoint, the author ever keeping in mind that the aim of all medical literature is to cure.

HOME NURSING.

By Barnard Myers, M. D., C. M., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., etc.. Lecturer and Surgeon to St. John Ambulance Association. London: Baillière, Tindall and Cox, 8, Henrietta St. Covent Garden, 1903. Price 2/6 net.

This is an exceedingly pretty little book; and it is as useful as it is pretty. Such a book should be in every home. It would be a boon to the sick were the knowledge about the nursing of them obtained from such a book, rather than from some of the unreliable ones afloat in the market. We cannot speak too highly of it for the purpose for which it is intended.