

*Obstetrics and Gynecologic Nursing.* By EDWARD P. DAVIS, A.M., M.D., Professor of Obstetrics in the Jefferson Medical College. Philadelphia, etc., etc. Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders & Co. 1901. Price, \$1.75 net. Canadian Agents: J. A. Carveth & Co., Toronto.

In writing a text-book for nurses, it is difficult to impart enough information without giving more than is necessary. In the work before us we consider that Dr. Davis has erred occasionally in both of these directions. The most serious matter with which we have to find fault is the lack of *definite* instructions to the nurse as to the method of securing and maintaining her own personal asepsis. The illustrations—many of them the same that adorn the American Text-Book of Obstetrics—are good. The mechanics of the book are in W. B. Saunders' best style.

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*Anatomical Atlas of Obstetrics, with Special Reference to Diagnosis and Treatment.* By DR. OSKAR SCHAEFFER, Privatdocent in Obstetrics in the University of Heidelberg. Translated by J. CLIFTON EDGAR, A.M., M.D., from the Second Revised German Edition. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders & Co. Canadian Agents: J. A. Carveth & Co., Toronto. Price, \$3.00 net.

*Atlas and Epitome of Labor and Operative Obstetrics.* By DR. O. SCHAEFFER, of Heidelberg. From the Fifth Revised German Edition. Edited by J. CLIFTON EDGAR, M.D., Professor of Obstetrics and Clinical Midwifery, Cornell University Medical School. With 14 lithographic plates, in colors, and 139 other illustrations. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders & Co., 1901. Canadian Agents: J. A. Carveth & Co., Toronto. Cloth, \$2.00 net.

These are two separate volumes, but such constant reference is made in the text of the one to the text and plates of the other, that we may consider them together.

In the "Anatomical Atlas, with Special Reference to Diagnosis and Treatment," we think that the anatomical part is much better done than the diagnosis and treatment. The plates and descriptions of the varieties of deformed pelves are especially good. The pages are small and the mind of the reader is confused by the use of different kinds of types, italics, and parentheses. We do not find the arrangement of the subject-matter clear. "The Atlas and Epitome of Labor and Operative Obstetrics" is much the better book of the two. The arrangement of the text is much simpler and clearer. With regard to episiotomy the author says: "If there is no reason to anticipate a complete tear into the rectum, episiotomy should not be performed, because the incisions do not heal so readily as an ordinary incomplete perineal tear." This experience seems to remove the only excuse that the operation of episiotomy had.

The latter half of the book consists of a series of "folders," each one of which has twelve or fourteen plates representing