

ledge, which, taken along with the following sentence on page 428, fully expresses the author's central idea in producing this work: 'It appears to me that there is at the present time considerable danger that we are cultivating science at the expense of art in our profession.'

"Hence, one is not surprised to find scant reference to the etiology of many conditions of the highest interest to the scientific obstetrician. For example, the part dealing with embryology is weak, and the author's remarks in reference to the embedding of the ovum and development of the placenta is antiquated and incorrect.

"Having pointed out these few defects, it is a pleasure to dwell on the many good qualities of this latest contribution to the literature of obstetrics.

"Of special interest on account of clearness, accuracy and often original presentation are the chapters on mechanism, the third stage of labor, the treatment of vomiting of pregnancy, the relation of appendicitis to pregnancy, and also, the most valuable of all, the chapter on tuberculosis.

"In many instances the author illustrates his point by reference to cases he has encountered, and gives careful and interesting reports when so doing.

"The author has very strong views on the subject of milk diet, whether in typhoid or in the toxemia of pregnancy. He hesitates about denouncing it completely, but concedes its value in the case of young infants and calves, though he does state frankly that in his opinion it is unsuitable for adult human beings.

"The general arrangement of the work is about as usual, being divided into parts, physiological and pathological. The style, as has been said, is good, and the book will be found extremely interesting reading by the physician, and will no doubt be a very popular work among students.

"The illustrations have been well done, and not, as in many recent books, overdone. The publisher's work leaves little to be desired, and is quite up to the usual good style of the Appleton publication."

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The Northern Alberta Medical Association, which holds monthly meetings at Edmonton, recently elected the following officers: Honorary President, Dr. McInnes, Edmonton; President, Dr. Harrison, Edmonton; Vice-President, Dr. McIntyre, Strathcona; Sec.-Treasurer, Dr. Whitelaw, Edmonton; Committee, Drs. Wilson, Smith and Clendenan, Edmonton.