

Book Reviews.

A TEXT-BOOK OF GYNÆCOLOGY. Edited by Charles A. L. Reed, A. M., M. D. President of the American Medical Association (1900-1901), Gynecologist and Clinical Lecturer on Surgical Diseases of Women at the Cincinnati Hospital; Fellow of the American Association of Obstetrics and Gynecologists; Fellow of the British Gynecological Society; Corresponding Member of the National Academy of Medicine of Peru, etc. etc. D. Appleton & Co, New York. 1901. Pages 900, cloth \$5.00

The editor of this work is well known—particularly to gynecologists—and this volume cannot but increase his already favorable reputation.

In the preparation of this work the editor held in view three special objects, viz.:

I. The formulation of a text-book which should serve as a working manual for practitioners and students, and which should embrace the best approved developments of gynecology, including those of later date than are, or can be included in a book of similar magnitude by a *single* author. For this purpose, assignment of topics was made to a considerable number of writers, but only to those who have acquired reputation in connection with the subjects upon which they were asked to write. This division of labour, giving to each writer a relatively small amount of work, insured a careful preparation of copy in the shortest possible time, and the issuance of a strictly up-to-date volume.

II. The cooperation of the various departments of medical science in their synthetic relation to gynecology. For this purpose contributions were invited from several writers who are not gynecologists in the strict sense of the term. Thus the various topics upon pathology were given to pathologists, while those relating to bacteriology, dermatology, neurology, hygiene, etc., were assigned with similar appropriateness. As a consequence a single chapter, in some instances, is based upon contributions from several writers, while the whole has been rendered consecutive, systematic, and homogeneous by the editor. The work is not therefore in any sense a mere aggregation of monographs.

III. The specific recognition of the work of investigators and operators in gynecology and correlated departments.

For this purpose, invitations to contribute to the work were limited to those who had already contributed something to science. As a consequence writers were asked to treat their respective topics not only in a general way, but freely to express their individual views relative to the same.

The editor has rendered into the third person all references by the different writers to their own work. In this way and by reference to the table of