most remarkable. He writes, "in all stages." Not long ago, one of the trustees of that institution, in a public meeting in this city, stated that their "charter" did not permit them to take any patients except those in the first stage of the disease, and that they kept strictly to the charter. This, too, is the unequivocal experience of many physicians here in respect to the rejection by the authorities of the institution of individual patients, hardly past the first stage, and not very ill: rejection of such patients who were able and ready to pay the "charitable" rates charged there, and when there was known to be vacancies, or room, in the Sanitarium.

Toronto, Ont.

EDWARD PLAYTER.

Book Reviews.

The American Text-Book of Obstetrics. In two volumes. Edited by RICHARD C. NORRIS, M.D.; Art Editor, Robert L. Dickinson, M.D. Second edition, thoroughly Revised and Enlarged. Two handsome imperial octavo volumes of about 600 pages each; nearly 600 text-illustrations, and 49 colored and half-tone plates. Per vol.: cloth, \$3.50 net; sheep or half morocco, \$4.00 net. Canadian Agents, J. A. Carveth & Co., Toronto.

This is a work for the student and practitioner alike. It makes clear those departments of obstetrics that are at once so important and usually so obscure to the medical student. The obstetric emergencies, the mechanics of normal and abnormal labor, and the various manipulations required in obstetric surgery are all described in detail, and elucidated with numerous practical illustrations.

Since the appearance of the first edition many important advances have been made in the science and art of obstetrics. The results of bacteriologic and of chemicobiologic research as applied to the pathology of midwifery; the wider range of surgery in treating many of the complications of pregnancy, labor, and the puerperal period, embrace new problems in obstetrics, some of which have found their place in obstetric practice. In this new edition, therefore, a thorough and critical revision was required, some of the chapters being entirely rewritten, and others brought up to date by careful scrutiny. A number of new illustrations have been added, and some that appeared in the first edition have been replaced by others of greater excellence.

By reason of the extensive additions the new edition has been presented in two volumes, in order to facilitate ease in handling.