

excellent supervision the entire series is being issued, is also the individual editor of this volume. His wide experience and recognized ability as a clinician, and his valuable work concerning the histology, both normal and pathologic, of the blood, renders this volume of unusual interest. His additions are particularly frequent in the article on anemia. When this series are completed—and the publishers assure us that the three remaining volumes will shortly appear—it will undoubtedly form the best practice of medicine in existence, expressing the opinions of the highest German and English speaking authorities.

A Text-Book of Obstetrics. By ADAM H. WRIGHT, Professor of Obstetrics in the University of Toronto; Obstetrician and Gynecologist to the General Hospital, Toronto, Canada. New York and London: D. Appleton & Co., Publishers. George R. Morang & Co., Canada. Price, \$4.50.

For more than twenty years Professor Wright has held a leading place amongst the obstetricians of this continent. Many practitioners in Canada and the United States still depend for their obstetric information on the notes they took of his lectures in their student days. When, therefore, it became known that he was to publish a text-book, its advent was awaited with keen interest and great expectation. The book now before the public clearly shows that Professor Wright's reputation has been well earned.

The style in which the work has been cast—that of lectures—is, we think, the best. It is sufficiently flexible to admit of orderly arrangement, and yet to avoid that pedantry which comes of over classification. No space is wasted on “speculations which lead to no important result,” but that which has commended itself to the author's mature judgment, is laid down with admirable clearness and detail.

The work is obviously based on the author's large obstetrical experience, but he has, at the same time, been quick to avail himself of all that is best in the literature of the subject. He has not permitted himself to walk in the beaten track that runs through so many obstetrical text-books, but in no case has he departed from generally accepted teaching, or advanced new ideas, without giving good reasons.

The sections on the “Toxemia of Pregnancy,” “Bright's Disease in Pregnancy,” and “Eclampsia,” and their inter-relationship, form a most valuable addition to the history of a difficult subject. Dr. Dwyer, who has paid especial attention to renal pathology, says of this part of the work: “I critically examined that portion of the work dealing with the difficult and important subject of ‘Eclampsia.’ The clear and concise setting forth of the known causation and pathology of this condition, as also its relationship with the various forms of