

BOOK REVIEWS.

DORLAND'S MODERN OBSTETRICS.

Modern Obstetrics: General and Operative. W. A. Newman Dorland, A.M., M.D., Assistant Demonstrator of Obstetrics. University of Pennsylvania; Associate in Gynecology, Philadelphia Polyclinic. Second Edition, re-written and greatly enlarged. Handsome octavo, 797 pages, with 201 illustrations. Philadelphia and London; W. B. Saunders & Company, 1901. Cloth, \$4.00, net. Canadian Agents: J. A. Carveth & Company, Toronto.

This work has probably not been so widely read in this country as some others. Still, it is worthy of a place with the best works on the subject. Either student or practitioner will find it a work well up to date and reliable. It is written with a clearness which leaves no doubt as to the author's meaning.

In the chapter on Eclampsia, there is a thorough discussion of the role which the liver plays in disease.

A classification of the many causes of puerperal sepsis is given, together with their clinical bearings. No doubt many will differ with the author's statement regarding the frequency of the gonococcus as a cause of puerperal sepsis. He states that twenty-five or thirty per cent. of all women become gonorrhoeic. Let us take it for granted that he means married women. We can hardly endorse this statement, for, if that be true, the germ cannot be very active as a cause of sepsis. For instance, in the reviewer's fairly large practice of obstetrics of twenty odd years, only two cases of sepsis have been met with; and there was no reason to believe that either of those was due to gonorrhoea. Again, in hospital practice, since the use of antiseptic precautions, the number of cases has so largely diminished that one can hardly believe that the gonococcus ever was a leading cause of the disease. However, the author's statement will be a fresh argument for those operating gynaecologists who believe that all "pus tubes" are caused by the gonococcus germ.

One very important point is treated very fully and ably, namely, the protection of the perineum during labor. The student and young practitioner will find a great deal of good advice in this connection.

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GRAY'S ANATOMY.

Anatomy, Descriptive and Surgical. By Henry Gray, F.R.S. Edited by T. Pickering Pick and Robert Howden. Revised American, from the fifteenth English, Edition. With 780 illustrations, many of which are new and in colors. Lea Brothers & Co., Philadelphia and New York, 1901.

Gray's Anatomy has long since passed the stage where it needs any praise, or fears any criticism. To say that a large Imperial octavo volume of 1,257 pp. on so difficult a subject as descriptive and surgical anatomy is well-nigh perfect, is no small praise. Yet such is the case.