

allowed me to speak of all methods of treating every disease, but I have striven to give a clear and succinct description of the best modes of treatment; and the reader will in this book find many details which he would look for in vain in larger works.

"My aim has been to write a practical work. The reader's time is not taken up by theoretical discussions, and the pathology has been treated very briefly. On the other hand, I have tried to help the reader to make a diagnosis, and to teach him how to treat the different diseases. In this respect I have gone into minute details affording manifold information about points which practitioners who live in large cities learn from one another, or by visits to the shops of the instrument-makers.

"I have treated so discursively of the anatomy of the female genitals because this subject, to a great extent, has been worked up by the gynecologists themselves, and is not as yet described satisfactorily in the text-books of anatomy, but only in large works of an encyclopedic character or in articles in journals to which many have not access.

I expect to be criticized for having devoted special chapters to Hemorrhage and Leucorrhœa. I know well that they are not diseases; but they are symptoms that play so great a part in the diseases of women, and so often require symptomatic treatment, that I take it to be in the interest of the general practitioner to treat them separately; and, besides, by so doing infinite repetitions are avoided.

"This being a text-book for beginners and a manual for general practitioners, names of authors have been omitted as much as possible from the text, except when it was necessary in order to designate different methods of operations. In making use of the work of American authors, I have, however, given them credit for it in foot-notes, and I trust that it will be found that a large amount of information of this kind has been embodied in the text.

"In indicating the treatment of the various affections, I mention always the simpler and innocuous means before the more complicated and dangerous, medical and electrical treatment being accorded precedence over surgical.

"Throughout the work a chief object has been to give modes of treatment as they are practised in America, by which I hope that it will be found more useful for American students and practitioners than the works written by or translated from foreign authors.

"The illustrations form a *complete atlas of the embryology and anatomy of the female genitalia*, and represent numerous operations and pathological conditions. Many come from my own operations, dissections and microscopical examinations."

A careful perusal of the work warrants us in

saying that he has faithfully accomplished all that he has undertaken. One cannot read it without coming to the decided conclusion that the author is thoroughly conversant with every detail of the subject, in which he has had a large and ripe experience.

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