

With all this we heartily agree. We think, however, that where the gonococcus is known to be the offending agent, less than this should be done, and we do not, in any case, see the necessity for two vaginal douches daily after the above treatment has been given.

The major operations of gynecology are well figured and described. We notice that the old name, deciduoma malignum, has been retained.

We are pleased to note that a chapter has been devoted to the vaginal method of operation, which, we think, has been too hastily condemned by some. We notice that Dr. Watkins also resorts in some cases to vaginal incision and drainage in cases of pyoscepinx.

We see no particular reason why surgery of the kidney and ureter should be included in a work on gynecology; but as the editor states in the preface that this has been done designedly, we suppose it is in accord with the tendency of the age.

In conclusion, we wish to say that this is a very excellent work, and we highly recommend it to student and practitioner. The plates are, on the whole, much better than the figures. Finally, we heartily wish that U. S. publishers would abandon the use of that glazed paper, which makes their books so difficult to read at night.—K. C. M.

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ANAESTHESIA AND THEIR ADMINISTRATION: a Textbook for Medical and Dental Practitioners and Students. By Frederick W. Hewitt, M.V.O.M.A., M.D. Third edition. London: Macmillan & Co., 1907. The Macmillan Company of Canada, Ltd., Toronto.

The third edition of Dr. Hewitt's excellent work on *Anaesthetics and Their Administration* contains much new and interesting material.

The chapter on chloroform is up-to-date, and the best method of administration is fully discussed. We agree with him, in that while appliances for regulating the percentage of vapor may be of value to beginners, the open method is preferable, especially when it follows some safer method of inducing anaesthesia.

Dr. Hewitt has invented an inhaler for administering the C.E. and similar mixtures. While this inhaler may be safe in his hands, we think the ordinary administrator had better adhere to Skinner's mask. The Vernon Harcourt inhaler is discussed and two cases are cited, one of which ended fatally, in illustration of its disadvantages.