

BOOK REVIEWS.

OBSTETRIC AND GYNECOLOGIC NURSING. By EDWARD P. DAVIS, A.M., M.D., Professor of Obstetrics in the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and in the Philadelphia Polyclinic; Obstetrician and Gynecologist to the Philadelphia Hospital, etc. Illustrated. W. B. Saunders & Co., Philadelphia, 1901.

THIS is a general treatise on the subjects named in the title; although the author declares in the preface that the book was prepared for the training schools of the Jefferson and Philadelphia Hospitals. It is written in the author's characteristic flowing style and is easy reading. The following subjects are briefly elaborated: The Nursing of Normal Pregnancy, Nursing in the Complications of Pregnancy, Descriptions of and Preparations for Labor, The Duties of the Nurse During Labor, The Lying-in Period, The New-born Child and Its Care, The Accidents of Pregnancy, The Accidents of Labor, Obstetric Surgery, Puerperal Sepsis, Feeding of Infants,

Disorders of Infancy, Gynecologic Nursing in all its Phases, etc.

A nurse of average intelligence who has had a general training will find the book full of valuable hints and suggestions. The nursing requirements of obstetrical and gynecological operative procedures are clearly elaborated and sufficient description of the anatomy of the parts and technic of the operation is given to enable the nurse to do her work intelligently. In the Appendix will be found a concise and suggestive dietary and a valuable guide to the sterilization of surgical supplies and requirements for operation. The book is invaluable to the obstetric nurse and full of suggestion to the general practitioner. Its influence will certainly tend to raise the standard of aseptic obstetric nursing. The book is attractive and instructive. It should be in the hands of every nurse who is aiming to accomplish the best that the science and art of nursing can suggest.

MANUAL OF DISEASES OF THE EAR. By THOMAS BARR, M.D., Lecturer on Diseases of the Ear, Glasgow University, etc. Third Edition, Revised and Partially Rewritten. With 236 Illustrations. James Maclehose and Sons, Glasgow, 1901.

BARR's Manual is deservedly called into a third edition. The author has adhered to his original plan and with good reason, making few emendations and these to good purpose. Effective use is made of paragraphs with smaller type for subdivisions which could not well be omitted. "The Treatment of Intracranial and Vascular Complications of Purulent Disease of the Middle Ear" and "Malignant Disease of the Middle Ear" are the subjects of two new chapters, the first of which especially was needful to bring the work in touch with the present state of advancement in brain surgery.

The copious index, the bibliography, the profuseness of illustrations, the black line titles to paragraphs and the handy size and completeness of this manual, make it one of the most available of books on the ear for students and one of the most delightful for casual reading.

A MANUAL OF DISEASES OF THE NOSE AND THROAT. By CORNELIUS GODFREY COAKLEY, A.M., M.D., Clinical Professor of Laryngology in the University and Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York, etc. Second Edition, Revised and Enlarged. With 103 Engravings. Lea Brothers & Co., 1901.

THIS attractive little manual urges itself into a second edition after the lapse of but two years since the issue of the first. The make-up is excellent in type, leading, illustrations, arrangement, index, etc. The book is not ambitious, making no pretence to fill the place of the several treatises which recent years have given us. It seeks, however, to give in few words the most important salient facts relating to the anatomy of the parts treated and the diagnosis and treatment of their diseases. The new chapter added on

Affections in the Respiratory Tract Occurring in the Infectious Diseases partakes of the same elemental character as the remainder of the manual. For students such a work may be all that could be mastered. It is very likely more than the average practitioner is acquainted with in detail. Although it lacks the fulness which one wishes to find even in a manual, it does not lack in freshness and up-to-date methods and facts, and therefore deserves to travel on its merits along with the larger works.

THE ACUTE CONTAGIOUS DISEASES OF CHILDHOOD. By MARCUS P. HATFIELD, A.M., M.D., Professor Emeritus of Diseases of Children, Northwestern University Medical School; Professor of Diseases of Children, Chicago Clinical School; Attending Physician Wesley Hospital. Chicago: G. P. Engelhard & Co., 1901. Pp. 135.

As stated in the preface, this handy volume is a "composite" of the various writers on the subjects discussed, especial pains having been taken to embody the views of later French and German pediatricians. The diseases considered are scarlatina, measles, röteln, parotitis epidemica, pertussis, varicella, variola and la grippe. A brief space is devoted to the history, occurrence, etiology and prophylaxis, but the main portion of the work dwells on the clinical manifestations and types, the pathology and the treatment. By careful selection from the mass of literature, the author has made this a very readable and concise treatise on these important subjects. His own ideas of treatment are outlined, but are always accompanied by a fair statement of the methods employed by other American and foreign authorities. Under scarlatina Class' cocci are described, but very poorly illustrated; and, among other things, salol is given a prominent place in the treatment of smallpox. The book is handsome enough for even a bibliophile, but for the busy practitioner its uncut edges are only troublesome.