

can be more needful or more interesting to them taking life in this light, than to be well acquainted with the causes of diseases, and means which will lead to their prevention. Surgery and infants have of late largely usurped the field both of practice and of professional literature, so we are glad to have this up-to-date work on Diseases medical, and highly recommend it to teachers and higher classes of nurses. The Psychological view of Hysteria is much emphasized;—the infective nature of Rheumatic affections with the sage advice that a preliminary visit to the dentist is as well in cases of rheumatoid arthritis, (which, by the way would render many another mysterious case comparatively simple or more easily dealt with), and then the oft-told hopelessness of such cases need not be, if taken in time; that simple or Parenchymatous Goitre is caused probably by a parasite in the drinking water, and in the early stages is very amenable to treatment by medicinal doses of iodine perhaps tend to contradict somewhat the former remark as to absence of laws being laid down as to treatment, but these are not laws laid down, they are indications which way to look.

TWO BOOKS ON MIDWIFERY.

"LABOUR-ROOM CLINICS." *

This is exactly what it professes to be, we are taken into the labour-room of the Eden Hospital and told just what is done in routine practice and in unlooked for emergencies, and what the results are. This little book consists of notes of lectures very slightly elaborated, indeed they are very short and concise, all laid out on the same plan with blank pages interleaved between each letterpress for the student's own notes. It is written for Medical Students, advising when and on what cases to operate, unhesitatingly recommending in some the most heroic measures, in others masterly inactivity. We think it would be of the utmost value to the Indian Student, who usually likes to have a decided authority for all he does, and here the individual cases are very clearly described each by itself;—it would also be of undoubted service to the practising midwife or teacher of Midwifery. A simple useful and oft forgotten aid that the postural treatment in labour to increase the conjugate diameter is, is given its due prominence. With a couple of quotations this note-book shall be speeded on its way to all the success it deserves. "Pinard says that no patient with albumen in her urine ever developed Eclampsia who had been 8 clear days on a milk diet only"—wherefore the importance of regular examination of urine of all pregnant women. "A type of Septicemia not uncommonly met with is due to B. Coli. In these cases,

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although the temperature chart may be very 'spiked,' the patient not infrequently is fairly well with a clean tongue and a pulse not over 100."

"MIDWIFERY MADE EASY." *

Of a totally different style and stamp, as its name also implies, is this small work on Midwifery, but alike in this, that it would appeal to the Indian nurse students of midwifery, to those who like something that they can learn by rote, their instructors hoping that some out of it all will have sunk in and been assimilated, but not many after a very short time will be content with these glib repetitions, having perhaps asked a question on the 3rd stage and finding her pupil rapidly repeating to herself "1st stage, &c. &c." all through, to come to what was required. But the book under review does not deal with things in this manner, it is in Dictionary form, and woe betide the pupil questioned in letter "W" if she began from "A"! After a few preliminaries, simplified object lessons, and instructions in pronunciation of technical words, the Dictionary starts, and is a very handy form of reference to say the least of it, but to grasp it at a sitting is a fair spell of mental gymnastics, Cereal, Cerebrum, Cervix, Chart, Chemicals;—Migraine, Milk, Minin, Miscarriage;—Round Ligaments, Rubber Gloves, Rubra, and Rupture following each other in unbroken succession.

REPORT OF LADY MINTO'S INDIAN NURSING
ASSOCIATION.

The report for 1913 of Lady Minto's Indian Nursing Association has been issued in its usual attractive white and gold cover. The Association has now fifty-nine nurses, including the Lady Superintendents of the various branches. This is an increase of four over last year's staff. There have been many changes; twelve nurses resigned on completion of their contracts, five left to be married, four resigned on medical advice to return to Europe, and one died. Twenty-one nurses have been sent out from home to fill these vacancies, seven of them previous Minto Sisters re-engaged, and four Sisters joined the Staff in this country. An enhanced scale of fees came into force at the beginning of 1913, as the Association was facing a continual drain upon the Central Fund without a corresponding increase of income to meet it. The demand for nurses has been continuous, and in most instances far beyond the ability of the Association to supply. A meeting of the Lady Superintendents of the various branches was held during the year, and it is hoped each year to be able to bring together the Superintendents of all the Branches for mutual discussion of points in their work.

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