in midwifery; full directions are given for the antiseptic conduct of labour, and stress is laid upon the care of the nipples as a preventative of mastitis and upon a dry dressing for the umbilical cord. It is to be feared that in practice the antiseptic care of the child and mother has not received the attention it deserves.

In the chapter on post-partum haemorrhage the treatment for the average case is well and clearly described, and the reader is not tormented by a choice of too numerous remedies. We think, however, that the student would be both better able and more likely to treat the collapse arising from it by intra-venous transfusion if told that all he needed besides saltpel and catgut was some hot water, a clean Higginson’s syringe, a small glass or metal canulla with a piece of drainage tubing, and some common salt.

This apparatus has sufficed for the successful treatment of haemorrhage in various surgical conditions, and there is no reason why it should not be equally successful in obstetrical practice. Post-partum hemorrhage is nearly always a matter of emergency, and as such demands prompt treatment by the simplest possible means; arm to arm transfusion can seldom be carried out, is more difficult to perform, and takes up more time; blood for mediate transfusion is not so available; water and a common table salt can, however, be obtained in the poorest house. A chapter on the use and choice of anaesthetics is added at the end.

The book is well printed and illustrated, its matter is brought well up to date, and it can be confidently recommended as a reliable guide either to the practitioner or the student.

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