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BOOK REVIEWS

ANTE-NATAL CARE. By W. F. T. Haultain, M.B., F.R.C.S.E., and

This little book is a résumé of the methods adopted in the Ante-
Natal Clinic at Royal Maternity and Simpson Memorial Hospital,
Edinburgh. Duplicates of three forms in use in the clinic are enclosed—
one, the ordinary Ante-Natal Clinic Care Sheet; another is a copy of
the form for Cases of Syphilis in Pregnancy; and the third a copy of
the sheet for Cases of Pregnancy Complicated by Gonorrhoea.

In the early chapters the authors discuss in a common-sense way the
general examination of the expectant mother, the taking of pelvic
measurements, and early complications, such as vomiting, of preg-
nancy; later on methods of rotating breech presentations at the
thirty-sixth week of gestation and Buist's method of changing a pos-
terior to an anterior presentation by means of pads and binder are
clearly described.

The Section on Albuminuria and Eclampsia is sound, and Strogo-
noff's treatment of the latter condition is given in detail. Hæmorrhages
of pregnancy are thoroughly discussed, and treatment advised is both
modern and sensible.

"Pain in Pregnancy," a symptom which is often ignored in larger
and more imposing text-books, is dealt with in detail. Younger prac-
titioners are frequently greatly worried by a pregnant woman's com-
plaint of continuous pain in one region or other, and this chapter will
prove useful to them.

The importance of Venereal Disease as a complication of pregnancy
is fully realised by the authors, so that it is a little disappointing to
find how small a "course" of bismuth and neokharisivan is mentioned
as suitable. Even though the authors may say on page 102 that "if
the patient is under treatment early enough in the pregnancy it is
possible to give more than one course of each drug in the manner
stated," as the "course" they advise consists of four small injections
of 014, and following that four injections of bismuth, one would have
hoped to see the fact stressed that this was totally inadequate save
where a woman had been thoroughly treated before pregnancy, and
that of necessity the mother would have injections during lactation.

The book is so good in all other respects that this omission is to our
mind a serious flaw; any practitioner who was not au fait with V.D
treatment would certainly conclude from the book that the eight
injections mentioned on page 102 were adequate treatment. The
Treatment of gonorrhœa in pregnancy is on conventional modern
lines.

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