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to

Florinel W. Ball, B.S.

My wife, pharmacist retired to motherhood, who gave
all her support to me in this task

and

Frances B. Crellin, A.B., M.A.

My sister, whose untimely passing—with the text in various
stages of completion—did not permit her
to complete her assigned task

Foreword

Both the theory and the practice of gynecology have made many significant advances over the past two decades. One of the results of these developments has been the accumulation of a volume of periodical and textbook literature so vast that it is well-nigh impossible for the student of gynecology, let alone the busy practicing specialist, to become thoroughly conversant with it. Furthermore, the different schools of thought and conflicting opinions in some phases of this field may make it difficult for the gynecologic surgeon to locate information on the best modern practices.

The staff of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of The New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center has been constantly testing and evaluating both the theories and the practices of modern gynecology. Dr. Thomas Ball has been an active participant in this endeavor as teacher, investigator, and clinician since his resident training in this Department. In some respects, this book represents not only his own opinions and practices, but also the consensus of the accumulated studies and experiences of his colleagues in the Department. *Gynecologic Surgery and Urology* may be considered, then, a compendium of standard accepted procedures in the field as they have been evaluated, modified, and developed by Dr. Ball and his colleagues at this Center.

This volume is not, however, merely another textbook of pelvic surgery. Adopting, as it does, the concepts held by those who adhere to the regional surgery school of thought, it correlates and integrates all of the significant theoretical and practical information essential to the gynecologist who wishes to prepare himself to treat the varied conditions which arise in the female pelvis. Unlike the surgeon of the specialty school, who confines himself to the treatment of disorders of one organ system, or the cancer surgeon, who treats malignancies wherever they may occur in the human body, the regional surgeon deals with all contingencies in the region of his specialty—in this case, the pelvis. This book will be valuable in teaching the regional approach to gynecology and gynecologic surgery both to the resident surgeon and to the practicing specialist who wishes to keep abreast of the most acceptable modern developments in this field.

Dr. Ball has made a contribution to gynecologic knowledge, to medical education, and to the welfare of the gynecologic patient.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "T. Gordon Douglas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "T" and a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

