

Reviews

Chemistry and Metallurgy Applied to Dentistry.—A manual of practical Chemistry and Metallurgy for the Dental Student and for the Dentist. By VERNON J. HALL, Ph.D., Professor of Chemistry and Director of the Chemical Laboratories in the Dental School and in the Woman's Medical School of Northwestern University. The need of a guide to the practical application of important chemical and metallurgical facts to dentistry has long been felt. The publishers present this book with the assurance that it will meet this need, both as a text-book for colleges and for the practicing dentist. Two hundred and seventy pages, thirty-seven wood cuts and half-tone frontispiece. Handsomely bound in cloth with gold embossing. Price, \$2.00. Order from The Technical Press, Publishers, Evanston, Illinois.

A handy and useful book for the dental student, supplying a lot of practical information which cannot be obtained in the general text-books on chemistry. The need of a work of this kind has been much felt by students going up for examination.

Methods of Filling Teeth. An Exposition of Practical Methods Which will Enable the Student and Practitioner of Dentistry Successfully to Prepare and Fill all Cavities in Human Teeth. By RODRIGUES OTTOLENGUI, M.D.S. 2nd edition. 273 illustrations, giving exact representation of all classes of cavities and their management. Philadelphia: The S. S. White Dental Mfg. Co., 1899.

We very frankly say, that we do not like the title of this work, because we do not believe that any book exposition will "enable the student successfully to prepare and fill all cavities." A student might learn a work on operative dentistry by heart, and be no nearer success in operating than when he started. However, this sounds hypercritical. Dr. Ottolengui has devoted painstaking attention to his work, and has elaborated a volume, the result of his own personal experience. In this respect it is unique, and will attract more than ordinary attention. It is a work, which, like Barratt's "Oral Pathology," can be read from beginning to end with interest, even when one's convictions and experience conflict with the creed of the author. The author does not seem to make sufficient allowance for the recurrence of caries around fillings. "In too many cases" it may be, as he maintains, that decay occurs along margins, "because those margins were improperly made, or because the filling was unskilfully inserted or finished." Yet there