

subject. To students, it is the indispensable book of the day. It has been adopted as the text-book in McGill. The Quebec Dental Board has also adopted it, and we warmly recommend it to all Medical and Dental teaching bodies, for the clearness with which the author handles his life-work, for the beautiful typography and illustrations, and for the fact that there is no other one work in existence which as fully, and yet so succinctly, covers the field it occupies.

DENTAL MEDICINE: a Manual of Dental Materia Medica and Therapeutics. By F. I. S. Gorgas, A.M., M.D., D.D.S. Third Edition, revised and enlarged. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston, Son & Co., 1012 Walnut St. (E. M. Renouf, Montreal), 1889; cloth, \$3.25.

Messrs. Blakiston have a well-merited reputation for their standard works for dental students and practitioners. Almost a complete dental library may be selected from their list. We do not think the "approval" of the National Association of Dental Faculties has in every case been judicious, in the selection of text-books for use in the schools of its representation. In some measure the movement has brought forth considerable plagiarism, and a lack of originality in matter and illustration. Bond's Dental Medicine was a good old stand-by in its day, and to a large extent a liberal contribution to our literature. The work of Dr. Gorgas, fills a niche very much felt by American colleges. Its 427 pages include introductory chapters on the action of medicinal substances; inflammation, digestibility of foods, weights and measures, topical remedies, the endermic and hypodermic methods, setons and issues, genera, and local blood-letting, doses, poison, the pulse, etc., etc. The Materia Medica and Therapeutics, are very complete from acacia to zinci sulphas.

We have just one fault to find with the author; a fault which is repeated in this third edition. He gives a list of forty-two authorities consulted, but both in the prefaces to the three editions, and in the list of authorities, he entirely overlooked the deep obligation he owed to Mr. James Stocken, L.D.S., England, author of the *Elements of Materia Medica and Therapeutics with Pharmacopœia*, published by Churchill, of London, in 1877, and appearing as a third edition before Dr. Gorgas' first. The close resemblance between the work of Mr. Stocken and that of Dr. Gorgas, is no detriment at all to the latter, but evidently our worthy friend of Baltimore, forgot when acknowledging his obligations to a long list of other authorities, the chief of the clan residing in London.