

Reviews

The Practice of Dental Medicine. By Geo. F. EAMES, M.D., D.D.S. 38 engravings and 3 colored plates. 240 pages. Philadelphia: The S. S. White Dental Manufacturing Co. 1899.

The last few years have witnessed several particularly valuable additions to our pathological literature, and yet the present volume supplies a long-felt need, embracing subjects insufficiently discussed in medical text-books. The author has made a scientific division, covering the general consideration in pathology and the inflammatory process, together with diverse conditions with which the dentist should be familiar, as well as general diseases having local expression in the mouth. Seven chapters treat of the local diseases affecting the soft tissues of the mouth; fourteen chapters of local diseases affecting the dental and surrounding tissues; while the work concludes with four chapters on the diseases affecting the adnexa of the mouth. We are more than ever convinced of the necessity, not only for such special works as the one before us, but of the great value to the dental practitioner of a complete course in medicine and surgery. It is quite true that there are parts of the medical curriculum of no practical value to the dentist. But it is equally true that the major portion is not only important, but indispensable to those who aspire to be more than merely practical. It should be too late in the day to make the former any sort of excuse. Such plea could be equally applied to the course of study in the common school and the university. The practice of practical dentistry is illuminated by a knowledge of medicine and surgery. There is no knowledge—outside of specially dental knowledge—of more practical value to the dentist than that of medicine and surgery. Of course these remarks do not apply to the mechanical tinker who has no ambition to rise beyond the level of a tinker. The mechanical expert is fully worthy of admiration. But the general probationer of dentistry must be more than a skilled mechanic. The work of Dr. Eames should be, to such, an inspiration.

Interstitial Gingivitis: or So-called Pyorrhea Alveolaris. By EUGENE S. TALBOT, M.D., D.D.S. 73 illustrations, 192 pages. Philadelphia: The S. S. White Dental Manufacturing Co. 1899.

It is a suggestive fact that while the history of this disease can be traced to the period of the cave-dwellers, and for two centuries it has been a subject of discussion, affording scope for scientific