

Reviews.

Compend of Dental Pathology and Therapeutics.—By HENRY H. BURCHARD, M.D., D.D.S., Special Lecturer upon Dental Pathology and Therapeutics, Philadelphia Dental College. Pp. 138. Philadelphia: The S. S. White Dental Manufacturing Co. 1896. Price \$1.75 net.

The idea of just such a work for students has often occurred to many teachers. Mr. Oakley Coles issued in London, Eng., twenty-one years ago "The Dental Student's Note Book" covering very succinctly his lectures on Dental Pathology, and Prof. Gorgas' works are well known; but this volume of Dr. Burchard's has special merits which in a measure the others lack. It will remind the medico of the old college "Ludlow's Manual of Medical Examinations," and a veritable *pons asinorum*. Much may be said in favor of such works: something may be said against them. Dr. Burchard distinctly says that his volume "is not prepared as an aid to students in memorizing answers," but to represent guiding principles. Students who cram for exams will have this book if it costs them their dinner for a month. But there are hundreds of wiser students in and out of college, who are all at sea on the principles of this work, and who will find it a mental crutch or an inspiration to further study, just as they take it, and that is saying a good deal. The facts, so far as the science of dentistry can claim to have reached verity, are up to date. For one who is not a careful reader and who is not fond of research, this volume will be a great help, because it is the result of much study on the part of the author, and will save a lot of reading. For one who loves the scientific literature of our profession, this work will make him hungry to know more. If he faithfully reads this, he will be sure to go further and read more.

A Practical Treatise on Mechanical Dentistry.—By JOSEPH RICHARDSON, M.D., D.D.S. Seventh edition. Revised, enlarged and edited by George W. Warren, D.D.S. 691 illustrations, many of which are from new and original drawings. 677 pages. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston, Son & Co., 1012 Walnut Street. 1897. Price \$5.00.

One can obtain a suggestive idea of the progress of dental prosthetics, by comparing the first with the present edition of this valuable work; not only in the abandonment of practice and principles which in their time were highly extolled, but in the