

specialty, and ambitious to produce a work which even progressive posterity will not willingly let die. It may be thought, at first glance, that the author has been too copious, and that on some portions, especially the introductory, he has indulged too much in unnecessary amplification. To say the most, that is a trifling fault. All previous works on irregularities of the teeth have had the opposite fault of condensed curtness, which frequently left one in a dilemma as to what they were trying to say. It frequently demanded an extraordinary mind to discover the meaning intended, and explanations were so often made that required explaining, that the dentists who became expert in this branch were few and far between. No doubt Dr. Farrar's work will hasten the consummation of condensation, because it will lead to such thorough understanding of the subject that amplification will become less necessary.

The table of contents and the index are as perfect as they can be, and greatly assist the student. The author reviews the history of dentistry, and shows that the first mention of correcting irregularities occurred in 1579. A brief mention of some of the divisions may show the author's treatment of the subject: The Etiology of Irregularities; Philosophy of the Author's System; Nomenclature; Explanation of the Principles in Construction of Regulating Apparatus (containing alone sixteen chapters); Retaining Devices; Laboratory Rules for making Apparatus; Philosophy of the Application of Force; Eruption of Teeth; Antagonism; Extraction, etc., etc. This includes Vol. I. Vol. II. will appear in succession, and will embrace Correction of Individual Teeth; Turning Teeth in their Sockets; Elevating Arrested Teeth; Widening, Elongating and Enlarging the Dental Arch; Protruding Teeth; Esthetics in Dentistry. Vol. III. will give duplicate illustrations of all mechanisms represented in Vols. I. and II.; also embracing others not in those volumes: Inclined Planes; Wedges; Strings and Elastic Rubber; Severed Ferrules; Metallic Springs, Screws, etc., etc.