

Reviews.

Notes on Anæsthetics in Dental Surgery. By ARTHUR S. UNDERWOOD, M. R. C. S., L. D. S., England, and C. CARTER BRAINE, F. R. C. S. Second edition. London: C. Ash & Sons, 1893. 166 pages.

Mr. Underwood is well-known as a safe and scientific investigator, and while the first edition of this little work was practically valuable, it has been made much more so by the technical skill and knowledge of Mr. Carter Braine, who holds the position of Anæsthetist and Instructor in Anæsthetics at Charing Cross Hospital, etc. In the chapter on General Considerations, the authors clearly explain the precautions necessary, both in the preparation of the patient, and in administering the various anæsthetics: so clearly, in fact, that we know of no other work of such special advantage to the dentist. With too many operators, anæsthetics are perhaps regarded with a reckless indifference, and the unscientific opinion is held that specialists have exaggerated their dangers. In the United Kingdom the anæsthetist is a specialist, who administers the anæsthetic for the dental operator. It appears that this division of labor has had valuable results, and has led to an important alliance, the benefit of which we get in this practical and interesting book. It is well illustrated.

Quiz Compendis? No. 13. Dental Pathology and Medicine. By GEORGE W. WARREN, D. D. S. Second edition. Illustrated. Philadelphia: P. Blakeston, Son & Co. 1893. 163 pages.

Plain, practical, compact, convenient: a large library in a little space.

Sir William Gull was asked by a lady if he did not consider experiments on animals as cruel. "Madam," he said, "there is no cruelty comparable to ignorance."—*The Humanitarian*.

Dull or improper instruments are cause for complaint. The idea of some that it will be taken as evidence of skill to have but few instruments, and the boast that "I can use anything," is nonsense; the more skilful the dentist, the keener, brighter and more delicate, varied and appropriate will be his instruments.