

appreciation of the importance of dental surgery and dental hygiene as a branch of general medicine."

We consider this work of such importance that we will review it more extensively in our next issue. In the meantime, it would pay our readers to purchase it, and spend the winter reviewing it for themselves.

Descriptive Anatomy of the Human Teeth. By G. V. BLACK, M.D., D.D.S. Published by The Wilmington Dental Manufacturing Co., 1413 Filbert Street, Philadelphia. \$2.50.

There is, perhaps, no more earnest and honest student of the science in our profession than the author of this timely work. He is distinguished for going to the root of everything he investigates, and this book is the result of defects he discovered, and which have been apparent to many observers, in the teaching of the details of the anatomy of the teeth, and in the systemization of the terms used in their description. The attempt to supply a systematized nomenclature of the several parts of the teeth in detail, similar to the fine work of Gray in his description of the bones, will revolutionize the teaching of dental anatomy in our colleges. It will make its study, perhaps, more difficult, but it will make it more perfect. Our American cousins are apt coiners of new phrases, and it has been frequently a great annoyance in dental literature over the border, that among much good verbal coinage there has been much counterfeit, and no sort of unity in nomenclature. Dr. Black has simplified as well as systematized the description of the teeth, and by aid of original illustrations, has pictorially expressed his propositions. In addition to the detailed naming of the hard parts of every tooth, the author has carefully described the anatomical characteristics of the pulp chambers of the teeth. The anatomical arrangement of the teeth, the alveolar process and alveoli, the periodontal membrane, and the gums are each in turn dissected and discussed. It is a genuine treat to study this work which, no doubt, will become a standard text-book of our colleges. The Wilmington Dental Manufacturing Co. have published it in very handsome form. No student can afford to be without it.