

A System of Oral Surgery, being a Treatise on the Diseases and Surgery of the Mouth, Jaws, Face, Teeth and Associate Parts. By JAS. E. GARRETSON, A.M., M.D., D.D.S. Illustrated with numerous wood cuts and steel plates. Fifth edition, thoroughly revised, with additions. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co., 1890. Price \$9. E. M. Renouf, Montreal, or any Toronto bookseller.

Thirteen hundred and twenty-one pages of anything coming from the pen and experience of Professor Garretson, is sure to have received careful and conscientious authorship. Thirty years of practice, and exceptional opportunities in clinical work give assurance that the author has well performed the responsibility of placing this before the critical world of dentistry. Its chief value lies in the alliance Dr. Garretson keeps in view of medicine and surgery with dentistry proper. While acknowledging that an operator may be a first-class operator, and fully able to practise dentistry proper without a general medical education, it is seen at a glance that such dentistry must necessarily be circumscribed. The question is just this: Why limit the scope and sphere of the dentist to the specialty of operative practice if the leaning and taste go towards oral surgery? Dr. Garretson's work seems to give weight to the belief that an oral surgeon must also be a dentist, if he is to do the best that two professions can supply. The volume shows admirably what oral surgery is when practised from the standpoint of oral surgery. The author may be acknowledged as the pioneer of a new development of dentistry, but only those who have had a thorough medical and surgical education are qualified to follow where he leads. There is not a dentist in the land, however, who would not have his ideas broadened by a careful study of this splendid work.

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