

The names of the publishers, The S. S. White Dental Manufacturing Co., of Philadelphia, and Claudius Ash & Sons, Limited, London, Eng., are always a guarantee for a high-class publication, whether it be in the subject matter itself or in the quality of the paper, the letter-press, and the engravings, and illustrations, and this book is certainly no exception to the general excellence of their work. The book contains three very fine colored plates in addition to thirty-eight illustrations.

Too much stress cannot be laid on the importance of a higher education of both dentists and physicians as to the relations of local pathological conditions of the mouth and teeth to general pathological conditions.

The general scope of the work can be best understood by a glance at the table of contents. A couple of chapters are devoted to the general consideration of Pathology, and to the inflammatory process in general, and then several chapters to diverse conditions, presenting to the dental practitioner, such as Syncope, Hysteria, Neuralgia, Menstruation, Pregnancy, Hemorrhage, Constipation, Swallowing of Plates and other foreign bodies, and subjects involved in the administration of anesthetic agents.

Each of the following diseases having local expressions in the mouth have a chapter devoted to them:—Stomatitis, Diphtheria, Scurvy, Rhachitis, Scrofula, Chancroid and Soft Chancre, Syphilis, Rheumatism, Dyspepsia, and Tetanus. Local diseases affecting the soft tissues of the mouth are next given consideration: Gingivitis, Pyorrhœa, Alveolaris, Phagedenic, Pericementitis, Difficult Dentition, Salivary Fistula, Salivation and Ranula.

Following these are local diseases affecting the dental and surrounding bony tissues, and while some of these belong almost solely to the domain of the dental specialist, they are still very important to the general practitioner in making a correct diagnosis of many common oral diseases. Among these are dental caries:—Hypersensitive Dentine, Hyperemia of the Dental Pulp, Pulpitis, Suppuration and Abscess of the Dental pulp, Pericementitis, Dento-Alveolar Abscess, Dental Erosion Abrasion, Hypercementosis. Secondary Dentine, Pulp Nodules, Necrosis, Ankylosis of the Jaw.

The concluding chapters are devoted to diseases affecting the adnexa of the mouth—Empyema and other pathological conditions of the maxillary sinus, Hypertrophy of the Fauical Tonsils, Hypertrophy of the Adenoid Tissue in the post nasal space, and the Relation of adenoid vegetations to irregularities of the teeth and associate parts.

When we consider that the rather lengthy list of subjects are scientifically and thoroughly treated in a volume of less than 250 pages, we cannot help congratulating the author on the excellence of his work, and again recommending the careful perusal of its contents to every dental and medical practitioner.

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*Asthma; Recent Developments in Its Treatment.* By ERNEST KINGSCOTE, M.B., C.M., L.R.C.S. Edin., Fellow of the Medical Society of London, etc. Author of "On So-called Spasmodic Asthma," with colored frontispiece and illustrations. London: Henry J. Glaiser.

This book is somewhat of a medley, but, partly because of this, it is a very interesting work. In a large experience the author has found the heart dilated in all the cases he has examined, and in the treatment of them he has found that restoring the heart to its normal size and strength is followed by permanent relief of the asthma. To relieve the cardiac dilatation he resorts to the now well-known Schott treatment by baths and exercises, and the results, he reports, are exceedingly creditable. He is an adherent of the theory that asthma is due to spasm of the bronchial muscles, and that this is always excited by vagal initiation. In all cases a careful search should be made to localize the vagal initiation, and then the treatment directed towards its removal. The diction is not all that could be desired, such expressions as "flop" and "quash" being more expressive than elegant. The work, however, is suggestive, and well worth perusal. The print is large and clear, and the book is creditable to the publisher.

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