

Book Reviews

The 1940 Year Book of Dentistry, Edited by Charles G. Darlington, George W. Wilson, Howard C. Miller, Walter H. Wright and George R. Moore. Price \$3.00. Pp. 842 with 569 illustrations. Chicago, The Year Book Publishers, 1940.

The Year Book of Dentistry has become sufficiently familiar both with respect to its construction and content that further description is unnecessary. A number of "special articles" are in this volume which appear to have been prepared as original material. This practice may add to the interest in occasional instances but it must be indulged with the utmost conservatism for it changes the nature of the book. The section on orthodontics contains 135 pages of articles which are in the main well selected and certainly represent a cross section of the better orthodontic literature. The number of digests of foreign presentations should be of interest to those unfamiliar with the publications or language in which the articles appear.

Proceedings of the Dental Centenary Celebration, Maryland State Dental Association and the American Dental Association, George M. Anderson, editor. Price \$5.00. Pp. 1061, extensively illustrated. Baltimore, the Waverly Press, Inc., 1940.

This is a unique volume in the archives of dental literature and one to be cherished by those who appreciate something of the dynamic personality of the dental profession. The dental meeting of which this book is the record served as a summary of a century of dental history in America. Lacking something of the warmth and vitality of the meeting itself, the proceedings are remarkably complete and skillfully edited to maintain the reader's interest.

The scientific papers presented represent in many instances a critical summary of the present viewpoint upon the subject discussed. In the aggregate they represent an excellent collection of dental presentations. In addition to the addresses delivered at the general sessions, a section is devoted to the illustration and description of the historical exhibits. The text of an historical drama, "The Wilderness," written to and presented at the meeting, is included. A brief history of dentistry is appended as well as reports of the miscellaneous activities of the meeting and the transactions of the American College of Dentists which was in session the day preceding the opening of the celebration.