Book Reviews

Accepted Dental Remedies. Council on Dental Therapeutics, American Dental Association, Chicago, Illinois. Pp. 309, price \$1.00.

The seventh edition of Accepted Dental Remedies brings the dental profession up-to-date with respect to medicaments and formulas and prescriptions which have been developed and discarded in the last year. The organization and arrangement of the book is excellent from the standpoint of ready reference. While the orthodontist is less concerned with dental medication than others within the profession, he will find much in this book that will improve his general knowledge of dental pharmacology as well as specific suggestions and prescriptions upon which he may rely in the infrequent instances when they are indicated.

Dental Caries—2nd edition. Prepared by the Advisory Committee on Research in Dental Caries for the Research Commission of the American Dental Association. 277 pages. Lancaster Press, Inc., Lancaster, Pa.

The Second Edition of *Dental Caries* has given contributors to the first an opportunity to revise their summaries upon the subject and includes forty-two new summaries, many of which are from foreign countries. It is interesting that in the few instances where contributors have revised their original statements, the changes have been devoted largely to clarification without change in viewpoint.

The section of the book that contains the individual summaries is valuable as a reference. It offers the concise opinions of more students of the subject than can be found between the covers of any other volume. The variation of conclusion bears testimony to the wide approach and independent viewpoint which has contributed to our present concept of the disease. The difference of opinion upon fundamental aspects of the disease is not quite as great as the reader might surmise from the authors' statements, for in many instances they have reported upon their own investigations which concern a particular phase or related condition rather than the broad subject of this book.

The Supplementary Analysis furnished at the end of the volume is a carefully prepared summary of the foregoing individual statements and will prove of interest to all who have any concern or interest in the subject. The book is a valuable contribution to the profession but need not be revised annually to keep in harmony with the contemporary opinion.

The Year Book of Dentistry, 1941. Charles G. Darlington, George W. Wilson, Howard C. Miller, Walter H. Wright and George R. Moore. The Year Book Publishers, Inc., Chicago, Illinois. Price \$3.00. Pp. 792, 505 illustrations.

The Year Book of Dentistry is now sufficiently well known and established to obviate the necessity of description or comment upon its organization. The fifth part devoted to orthodontics consists of 131 pages of summaries of articles published upon orthodontic subjects. These will serve as

material assistance in keeping the general practitioner and specialists in fields other than orthodontics acquainted with orthodontic literature. Most of the contributions included will justify reading in their entirety by orthodontists. The section may serve to stimulate this more careful reading and for those to whom the original publication is not available provide a wider acquaintance with world literature than would otherwise be available. It is unnecessary to repeat the trite reminder that the volume should serve as a stimulus to general reading not a substitute for it.