

Book Review

Text Book of Orthodontia

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The *Text Book of Orthodontia* recently appeared. It is a most comprehensive and detailed treatise upon the subject and does great credit to its author. Orthodontia as a distinct specialty has had its development within the past three and one-half decades and owes that development almost entirely to the influence of one great genius, Dr. Edward H. Angle.

Since the Seventh edition of Dr. Angle's *Malocclusion of the Teeth*, which was published more than twenty-five years ago, no text book on Orthodontia has appeared setting forth the teachings and practices of Dr. Angle, although great advances have been made during that period.

This book, therefore, will fill a long felt need as it brings Dr. Angle's teaching up to date and adds numerous progressive steps of the author's own invention which are along lines in harmony with Dr. Angle's teachings.

Naturally some of these advanced ideas will be questioned by those students who followed Dr. Angle's methods most closely and some will very likely be doubtful as to the probability of the great teacher's approval of some of them, but inasmuch as he is no longer with us, it remains for each individual to make his own interpretation. Certain it is that no one can or should expect that Orthodontia cease all further progress now that our great leader has passed on. The writer sincerely believes that Dr. Strang, in his text book, has conscientiously endeavored to apply the same methods of testing and sifting of the principles involved as his revered teacher and friend has always done.

The book is remarkably well made. The number of illustrations is not only profuse, but they are beautifully made and clearly set forth in a manner that greatly aids in quick comprehension of the text. The arrangement of the text itself and the sequence of subjects is to be highly com-

mended and its most accurate description of the details of orthodontic technique makes it an invaluable book for the student as well as for those who are apt at following out any particular procedure from reading directions set forth.

The literature of Orthodontia has been cluttered with too much material that not only failed to add any knowledge to the subject but brought confusion to the student's mind in an effort to sift the good from the bad. This text is the antithesis of such writings.

We, therefore, heartily welcome the *Text Book of Orthodontia* and unqualifiedly recommend it to those sincere and conscientious students of Orthodontia who are eager to know the methods now in vogue by the followers of Father of modern Orthodontia.

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