

Book Reviews

Histopathology of the Teeth and Their Surrounding Structures: Rudolf Kronfeld. Price, \$7.00. 504 pp. with 438 illustrations. Lea and Febiger, Philadelphia, 1939.

This volume is the second edition of the text which has been completely rewritten, enlarged and rearranged, and represents a comprehensive treatment of the subject. The construction is clear, concise and easily read. The excellent illustrations are an important feature. Tissues shown are largely human and the microphotographs very well executed.

The book not only furnishes a more workable and satisfactory text for dental students but its revision justifies it as an addition to the previous volume.

The History of Dentistry in Missouri: History Committee of the Missouri State Dental Association. Price \$7.50. 600 pp. The Ovid Bell Press, Inc., Fulton, Missouri, 1938.

This comprehensive volume represents a new trend in dental literature combining important historical events in dental history in the State of Missouri, including significant abridged records of the dental societies and organizations within the State and prefaced by a chapter dealing with more general dental history. There follows a chapter of brief biographical abstracts of early dentists in Missouri. The latter includes many men and contributions which improved the development of American dentistry.

The chapters devoted to the history of various dental organizations within the State are valuable documental evidence concerning the development of these societies and the dentists responsible for their growth and usefulness. Chapter 5 is devoted to dental education and furnishes a summary of dental schools, fraternities and history.

There follow chapters devoted to instruments and appliances to which the initiative of Missouri dentists contribute. Brief discussion of some of the important dental meetings, and interesting cyclopedic information is tabulated in the last chapter.

The book is not only of interest to those who are carrying the standards of rich heritage left them by early Missouri practitioners but is of national significance both because of the very important contributions arising through men who lived and practiced within the State and also because it represents a type of dental literature which gains in utility as the profession grows older and passes beyond the phase in its existence when its history can be passed on by reminiscence and word of mouth.

The 1938 Year Book of Dentistry: Chas. G. Darlington, George W. Wilson, Howard D. Miller, Walter H. Wright, and George M. Anderson, Editors. Price, \$3.00. 790 pp. with 567 illustrations. The Year Book Publishers, Inc., Chicago, 1938.

The Year Book of Dentistry for 1938 carries on with some improvement

and amplification the precedent established in earlier volumes. The section on orthodontia has been amplified and emphasizes treatment and clinical procedures to a greater extent than the section of the previous year. Many important articles have been selected from foreign literature and the abstracted material gives a good cross sectional view of orthodontic literature.

There is hope that the Year Book will be used in the manner similar to that of an abstract in which the reader is granted the privilege of a concise statement of material which may assist him in the choosing of articles which he wishes to read in their entirety. In this way the volume improves the reading opportunities of those interested in a particular field or subject. If, on the other hand, it is used as the sole basis for gaining intimate acquaintance with material appearing in periodicals, there is danger of developing a superficial knowledge of dental literature.

If intelligently utilized, the 1938 Year Book of Dentistry, as those which have preceded it, is of real service to the dental profession.