

## Book Reviews

*Dental Caries.* By the Advisory Committee on Research in Dental Caries : Daniel F. Lynch, Chairman ; Charles F. Kettering, Counselor ; William J. Gies, Secretary. 189 Pages with no illustrations. Price \$1.00. Lancaster Press, Lancaster, 1939.

The Research Commission of the American Dental Association, through the Advisory Committee on research and dental caries, has compiled what is probably the most interesting summary of contemporary thought on dental caries by laboriously contacting the outstanding clinical and research workers throughout this country and foreign nations. The summaries were edited and are presented in abridged form, furnishing in this way an abstract of the present belief and findings of the authors. The book is concluded by a brief general analysis which summarizes the subject in the light of opinion expressed by the contributors and in this way represents a composite of international thought on the subject.

While one must recognize that the thought expressed by the authors is a cross section of opinion at the moment of publication and may be changed in the light of subsequent findings, it has immense value to the student and clinician in this field. It is useful from the standpoint of reference and invaluable in gaining an appreciation of the complexity of the problem as well as the tremendous amount of varied research it has stimulated.