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Preface

This text is regarded by the authors as an introduction to orthodontics and written primarily to aid the undergraduate student. It is not intended for those studying for higher qualifications but it is possible that the general dental practitioner will find assistance in the diagnosis of various orthodontic anomalies and in the treatment of at least the more simple forms. The aim of the authors remains, as in previous editions, to introduce the subject to the undergraduate in a logical manner so that the underlying principles of normal growth and development together with the causes of malocclusion and its treatment can be more readily understood. No attempt has been made to present a comprehensive picture of the whole orthodontic field and the methods of treatment that are described may not be the only means of overcoming a particular orthodontic anomaly.

This edition contains a section devoted to treatment planning of typical examples of malocclusion. It is hoped that the reader will appreciate that a broad view must be taken of this section since the infinite variation of occlusal anomalies implies that rarely are two cases exactly alike and circumstances may exist that indicate treatment methods different from those described.

No textbook can be a substitute for clinical teaching nor can any undergraduate curriculum contain sufficient time to produce a dental graduate proficient in all aspects of orthodontics but we hope that student and teacher will find some assistance from this book.

We continue to be grateful for the help and encouragement of our friends.

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