

marily, for British physicians and pharmacists, it is adaptable by those of the United States.

That the revision is up-to-date is indicated by prescriptions containing more recent remedies, for example: Benzoyl derivatives, organic silver compounds, insulin, those suggested for colloidal therapy, urea derivatives, organo therapy, etc.

The index of diseases and classified remedies has been thoroughly revised. A table of approximate equivalents in terms of the Imperial and Metric Systems is included; the equivalents of the American systems would have added to that extent to value of the book for this country. As a reference, the *Book of Prescriptions* frequently will be of valuable assistance to the dispenser.

Therapeutics, Materia Medica and Pharmacy. The special therapeutics of diseases and symptoms, the physiological and therapeutical actions of drugs, the modern materia medica, official and practical pharmacy, prescription writing, and antidotal and antagonistic treatment of poisoning. By Samuel O. L. Potter, A.M., M.D. Fourteenth edition, revised by R. J. E. Scott, M.A., B.C.L., M.D. Published by P. Blakiston's Son & Co. About 1000 pp. Price \$8.50.

Former editions of this well- and favorably-known work have been reviewed in these columns; it might be sufficient to say that the present revision has brought it up-to-date, because the general plan of former editions has been followed; much new matter has been added, considerable revision and some deletions are noted in Part I—"Materia Medica and Therapeutics," and Part III—"Special Therapeutics." In these sections of the book the pharmacist is interested because of the discussions relative to therapeutic action and value of the Materia Medica, constituents, composition, dosage, uses, etc. The information, though concisely given, covers nearly 500 pages. Part III has about 250 pp.; the arrangement, as in Part I, is alphabetical; the application of remedial agents is carefully considered and about 20 pp. are given to treatment of poisoning, antidotes, antagonists, etc.

Part II has greater interest for pharmacists, being devoted to pharmacy and prescription-writing; pharmaceutical processes, dispensing, prescription practice, problems and methods involved in the latter as well as in pharmaceutical manufacture are well presented. While these chapters are not as comprehensive as those in exclusive treatises on pharmacy,

the volume has a value for the pharmacist because it includes the subjects previously mentioned.

Laws and regulations applying to the prescribing and dispensing of narcotics and alcoholics are included; a number of pages are given to Latin in connection with terms frequently used and their application in prescription-writing.

The volume also contains a number of convenient and useful tables of thermometric equivalents, weights, measures, percentage solutions, and doses. In every respect this revision compares favorably with former editions.

Potter's Compend of Materia Medica, Therapeutics and Prescription Writing. Revised by A. D. Bush, B.S., M.D. Ninth Edition, 262 pages. P. Blakiston's Son and Company, Philadelphia. Price \$2.00.

The revision conforms with U. S. Pharmacopœia X. The Materia Medica is considered according to the following grouping: Restoratives, agents promoting waste, alteratives, astringents, cerebral depressants, cerebral excitants, motor depressants, motor excitants, antizymotics and antipyretics, specifics, evacuants, topical agents. The Compend concludes with a chapter on Latin and Prescription-Writing. The purpose of the well-known compend is to furnish a concise résumé of the relatively more important data of the subjects under consideration. This volume would have been enhanced in value for those who use it most, if the reviser had included the preparations of the National Formulary V. With that exception this volume meets the purpose indicated by the publisher.

Gould and Pyle Pocket Cyclopedia of Medicine and Surgery. Third edition, revised and edited by R. J. E. Scott, M.A., B.C.L., M.D., New York. Published by P. Blakiston's Son & Co., Philadelphia. Price \$2.50; with thumb index, \$3.00.

The publisher's announcement states that "This compact Pocket Medical Cyclopedia" was prepared based originally upon the large "Cyclopedia of Medicine," by Drs. Gould and Pyle. This, like the former edition, has been edited by Dr. R. J. E. Scott of New York City, who brings to the revision the results of a wide medical and literary experience. The success of the former printings amply justifies its publication; it has had a large circulation at home and in many parts of the world, so