

UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

List of Changes of Duties and Stations of Commissioned and Other Officers of the United States Public Health Service, for the seven days ended November 22, 1916.

Pharmacist E. S. Maguire. Relieved at Marine Hospital, Evansville, Ind. Report at Marine Hospital, Detroit, Mich. November 18, 1916.

Pharmacist E. J. Thurston. Relieved at Marine Hospital, Vineyard Haven, Mass. Proceed to Marine Hospital, Chelsea, Mass. November 21, 1916.

Pharmacist G. A. Morris. Relieved at Marine Hospital, Detroit, Mich. Proceed to Marine Hospital, Evansville, Ind. November 18, 1916.

Pharmacist L. W. Ryder. Proceed to Gulf Quarantine Station to assist in the transfer of the boarding and inspection of vessels from Ship Island to Gulfport, Miss. November 21, 1916.

Pharmacist T. C. Armstrong. Relieved at Marine Hospital, Stapleton, N. Y. Proceed to Marine Hospital, Vineyard Haven, Mass. November 21, 1916.

Scientific Assistant A. R. Howard. Proceed to establishments of the General Chemical Company. Make studies of occupational diseases. November 16, 1916.

Professor C. W. Stiles. Proceed to New Hanover, Robeson and Columbus Counties, N. C. Make studies of methods and results of sanitation in those communities. November 7, 1916.

Pharmacist F. L. Gibson. Relieved at Marine Hospital, Cleveland, O. Proceed to Washington, D. C., for duty in the Bureau. November 2, 1916.

WAR DEPARTMENT

List of changes of stations during November, 1916, in the cases of Sergeants First Class, and Sergeants, Medical Department.

SERGEANTS FIRST CLASS.

Daniel W. Robinson, from the Remount Depot, Ft. Reno, to Ft. Sam Houston.

William McFarland, from Ft. Yellowstone, to the Southern Department.

SERGEANTS.

George Brown, from Columbus Barracks, to Jackson Barracks.

Walter G. Witt, from Columbus Barracks, to the Southern Department.

Paul W. Holmes, from Columbus Barracks, to Fort Omaha.

Thomas O. Williams, from Fort Yellowstone, to the Southern Department.

Ignatius B. Thomas, from Jackson Barracks, to the Army Medical School, Washington, D. C.

William R. Mitzlaff, from the Southern Department, to the Letterman General Hospital.

BOOK NOTICES AND REVIEWS

Histology of Medicinal Plants. By William Mansfield, A.M., Phar.D., Professor of Histology and Pharmacognosy of the College of Pharmacy of the City of New York, Columbia University. A practical scientific book on vegetable histology for the use of teachers and students in schools and colleges; also for all others who are interested in this work; 316 pages, 127 plates, cloth, \$3.00 net. John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 432 Fourth Ave., New York City, publishers.

This book is intended primarily for the beginner who has never used a microscope of

any kind. Accordingly, the first fifty pages are devoted to a very simple description of the mechanical and chemical materials which may be used in connection with a microscopical study of the histological elements of plant drugs. Descriptions of the mechanical apparatus are profusely illustrated by cuts, some of which appear superfluous, as, for example, those of cover glasses, slides, scissors, scalpels and the like.

While a fairly complete list of reagents is given it is unfortunate that more information concerning the composition and strength is

not furnished. Chloral Hydrate solution as a clearing agent is, moreover, entitled to a place on every plant histologist's table.

The paragraph on the long paraffin process of embedding tissues for cutting is altogether too brief for the amateur. Without more explicit information he would probably come to grief when he proceeded to "place small fragments of a leaf, stem, or root tip, in "chromic-acid solution, acetic alcohol, picric acid, and chromacetic acid," since nothing is said as to the concentration and proportion of these solutions.

Part II is devoted to tissues, cells, and cell contents. One is at once impressed by the unique method of treatment in this portion of the book. Contrary to the customary method, the author discusses various sorts of specialized tissues for about one hundred pages and then takes up simple parenchyma. In other words the author begins with the complex and proceeds to the simple.

Part III treats of the histology of roots, rhizomes, stems, barks, woods, flowers, fruits and seeds. Here no attempt is made to cover the histology of the most important drugs which might be included in this portion of the book, but only such as show conspicuously the structures and cell contents which should be emphasized.

Throughout parts II and III there are many very excellent illustrations of tissues, cells, and cell contents, many of them entirely new and all of them from original drawings by the author. This is the most valuable feature of the work and will serve of material value for purposes of reference.

Errors in spelling are found here and there, as well as a few loose and vague statements, but these are not at all unexpected in a first edition. Mechanically the book is all that could be desired and taken as whole beginners in the study of the histology of medicinal plants will find this work of real assistance.

J. S.

Latin for Pharmacists. By George Howe, Ph.D., Professor of Latin, University of North Carolina, and John Grover Beard, Ph.G., Assistant Professor of Pharmacy, University of North Carolina. P. Blakiston's Son & Co., Philadelphia, Publishers. 136 pages; cloth; price \$1.

This is the first edition of the book and the authors have profited by other courses of teaching Latin to pharmacy students and combined with that the experiences of their

own study and practice. The book is written for the student in pharmacy, not to give him thorough instruction in Latin but for the purpose of qualifying him to use it rightly in connection with his work.

The authors have adopted the English pronunciation of Latin which is an improvement over some of the works of this kind that do not prescribe a uniform method of pronunciation. A little more attention might have been given to this subject, especially, in view of the fact, that it is written for those who have not studied Latin in the schools.

The book is divided into two parts, the first consists of nineteen lessons presenting, in progressive arrangement, instruction in forms and syntax and to each lesson has been added a vocabulary and a double set of exercises, one for translating Latin into English and the other English into Latin. A series of these lessons deal with the writing and reading of prescriptions. The second part contains word classifications, a list of the abbreviations in common use, an analysis of the pharmaceutical terminology and a dictionary of words commonly used in the drug store. The purpose of the book has been quite closely kept in mind.

A Treatise on Pharmacy. For Students and Pharmacists. By Charles Caspari, Jr., Ph.G., Professor of Pharmacy in the Department of Pharmacy of the University of Maryland (Maryland College of Pharmacy, 1884-1904). Fifth edition, enlarged and revised. Octavo, 929 pages; illustrated with 337 engravings; cloth; \$4.75, net. Lea & Febiger, Publishers, Philadelphia and New York, 1916.

The new edition of this well-known work, made necessary by the publication of the U. S. P. IX, has just made its appearance. In general outline it resembles previous editions. The author, apparently, was somewhat loath to accept the term "mils" for Cc., as throughout the work wherever one is mentioned, the other is given in parenthesis.

In view of the fact that the book is intended primarily as a text-book for students in pharmacy, it seems strange that so many official Latin titles are omitted. A list of both Latin and English pharmacopoeial and National Formulary titles is found at the head of every chapter on gellanicals. The same is true of the chapters on inorganic salts, but Latin titles are missing in those chapters dealing with organic compounds.