

"*Druggists*.—The druggist who fills a prescription must preserve the prescription for a period of two years from the date indicated thereon. (See Art. 124.)"

3. Article 148, Regulations 35, Revised, is amended by striking out the word "signature" and substituting therefore the word "name" both in the fourth sentence thereof and in the heading of the second column of the form therein prescribed of record to be kept by retail dealers.

#### PHILADELPHIA DRUG EXCHANGE FAVORS OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF BRANDY AND WHISKY.

The following quotations are from a report of a Committee of the Philadelphia Drug Exchange:

"At present, the U. S. Pharmacopœia and National Formulary provide no standards for the identity, purity, quality and strength of medicinal liquors, and in consequence thereof the market is flooded with liquors of the most

variable strength and grossest impurity, or worse, with factitious products that cause disease, paralysis, blindness and death.

"If there were official standards for medicinal liquors under the law, the quality of such liquors could be legally controlled by the Internal Revenue Department acting in coöperation with the Bureau of Chemistry of the Department of Agriculture under the Federal Food and Drugs Act. . . ."

"Recently a regulation has been issued by the Treasury Department that whisky shall be sold for medicinal purposes in bottles of pint and half pint sizes, "bottled in bond" and put out under the seal of the government, so as to ensure purity. This is a distinct step forward, but it does not go far enough; it should be coupled with the official recognition of brandy and whisky and the label of the packages should state that the product meets with all the requirements of the U. S. Pharmacopœia. Then there would be 'teeth' in the label. . . ."

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### BOOK NOTICES AND REVIEWS.

*Year Book of Pharmacy with Transactions of the British Pharmaceutical Conference* held in Nottingham, July 24 to 28, 1922. J. O. Braithwaite, Editor of the Abstracts, Thomas Stephenson, Compiler of New Remedies Section, C. E. Hampshire, Editor of the Transactions. 2 mo. 546 pages. Cloth. London, J. & A. Churchill, 1922.

This exponent of British scientific pharmacy resembles the old "Proceedings" of the American Pharmaceutical Association. Even as the old "Proceedings" covered the transactions of our Association and abstracts from pharmaceutical and other journals of the year, so the "Year Book" covers the transactions of the 1922 meeting of the British Pharmaceutical Conference and also abstracts of the year.

In the 1922 "Year Book" 339 pages are given to abstracts; 133 pages to the minutes of the Nottingham meeting, 23 pages to the membership list and 47 pages to indices; general and authors. The minutes are made interesting by the admirable address of President Greenish and by 14 original papers. As to the abstract portion, we find therein 698 condensed reviews of journal articles and a list of 65 new remedies described in some detail. This portion is admirably and judiciously edited although not as comprehensively as the A. Ph. A. YEAR BOOK, the last volume of which covered 692

pages and included 1630 abstracts and notes on 600 new remedies. Of the abstracts in the British "Year Book" 61 were of American origin, most of these being from our own JOURNAL.

This "Year Book" is a worthy companion in any pharmaceutical library to our own A. Ph. A. YEAR BOOK and in scanning the well-edited pages of its abstract portion, one feels the desirability of friendly coöperation between the two publications. This idea of coöperation, similar to that now existing between *Chemical Abstracts* in America and the *Journal of the Society of Chemical Industry* and the *Journal of the Chemical Society* in England has been broached and it is hoped that future years may bring about its fruition. H. V. A.

*The Eclectic Materia Medica, Pharmacology and Therapeutics*. By Harvey Wickes Felton, M.D., Professor of Materia Medica and Therapeutics, and of the History of Medicine in the Eclectic Medical College of Cincinnati, Ohio; Ex-President and Member of the National Eclectic Medical Association; Ex-President and Member of the Ohio State Eclectic Medical Association, etc. Forty-eight full page halftone plates. 702 pp. Cincinnati, Ohio, John K. Scudder.

This volume represents a great deal of original research and presents in a very clear and easily comprehended manner the attitude of