

the various headings of Pharmacology. Conciseness has its advantages, the selection for this volume has been successful and the experience of the authors and compilers has been well presented, however, we are of the opinion that a more extended presentation would have made this useful book more valuable.—E. G. EBERLE.

*Pharmaceutical Latin*, by JACOB S. DORFMAN, assistant professor of Pharmacy, Columbia University, sometime instructor in Latin at the Harbin Gymnasium (China). Second Edition, revised. Published by Lea and Febiger, 1938. Price, \$2.00.

The material embodied in this edition was used previously in mimeographed form and the author has applied his experience as teacher in this volume, successfully, and made it applicable in prescription writing.

The Pharmaceutical Latin is presented so that it may be correctly applied and adapted by usage of the Latin alphabet—the vowels, consonants, diphthongs, syllables, accents, nouns and pronouns, use of numeral adjectives, declensions, conjugations. Proper use of Latin is explained by words that are found in pharmaceutical literature and prescriptions and the application by examples in several pages of Latin-English and English-Latin.

This volume has been donated and inscribed by the author on April 13, 1938, to his fraters of the Alpha Zeta Omega and bears the names of forty-four members.—E. G. EBERLE.

*Gould's Medical Dictionary*, Fourth Edition. Thoroughly revised, many new words with pronunciation. 273 illustrations, of which 48 are portraits, 175 tables. By GEORGE M. GOULD, A.M., M.D., edited by R. J. E. Scott, M.A., B.C.L., M.D., and C. V. Brownlow. There are included 1538 pages, bound in fabricoid cover. Price, \$7.00, with Thumb Index \$7.50. Publishers P. Blakiston's Son & Co., Inc., Philadelphia, Pa.

Medical terms require change, the definitions in this edition have been thoroughly revised. The illustrations show types of sources of drugs and of individuals who have contributed to the progress of Medicine, to a better understanding of Pharmacy and Medicine.

Dr. David H. Bergey has prepared a table of bacteria pathogenic to man, lists of diseases caused by metazoa, alphabetically arranged; there are tables of weights and measures, muscles, nerves, bones, arteries, etc.; tables

of breath-sounds in health and disease, diet lists, dose lists for physicians and veterinarians and according to the latest pharmacological and medical research.

The Dictionary is a guide to pronunciation, definition, established usage and scientific accuracy. Pronunciation is represented by simple English phonetics, Greek and Latin derivations of terms are given, the important Prefixes, Suffixes and Radicals are explained in their alphabetical order. A list of tables is published on page XIII. Signs and abbreviations are found in their alphabetical order and a list of them on page XIV. Prefixes and suffixes used in medical terms are separated from those of Chemistry. We are of the opinion that it would serve a useful purpose if Pharmacy were likewise treated.

Arteries are tabulated on twenty-four pages; information is given concisely in four or five columns and serves as a quick reference; other tabulations are made in similar manner.

The table of microorganisms by Bergey covers 68 pages, under several divisions and are listed under "the original," "where found," "the character," "original names," "new classifications;" these constitute a source of ready information. The nerves are shown in drawings and in tables.

Operations and Diseases are considered under their respective titles. Weights and Measures are given useful consideration and conversion methods applied. Physicians' Dose Methods, with incompatibilities of the various types of activities, combinations and preparations, and followed by a Veterinary Dose Table.

The tabulations bring a large amount of information into compact form. This idea is considered throughout. The definitions are enlarged in related groups to the terminology including the specialties and applications of terminations from other sciences and the tabulations hold the number of pages to a limit and extend the field of information to a maximum.—E. G. EBERLE.

*Pharmacognosy Workbook*, by RALPH BIENFANG, Associate Professor of Pharmacognosy, University of Oklahoma. Ninth Edition, revised. Published by the Transcript Press, Norman, Oklahoma.

*The 1937 Year Book of General Therapeutics*, BERNARD FANTUS and C. J. NICHAMIN. 496 pages. Published by the Year Book Publishers, Chicago, Ill. Price, \$2.50.

*Accepted Dental Remedies.* The American Dental Association, 212 E. Superior St., Chicago Ill., has prepared a list of drugs, selected to promote a National Dental Materia, and descriptions of Acceptable and Non-Acceptable preparations. The valuable work has been done by the Council on Dental Therapeutics. The use in the volume of certain portions of the text of the U. S. P. IX and N. F. VI, in the usual terms to the Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry of the American Medical Association, Useful Drugs and New and Nonofficial Remedies, has been granted. The sections on Formulas and Prescribing have been enlarged. The chapter on vasoconstrictors has been revised and an article dealing with cevitic acid has been added. Dentists are writing more prescriptions.

Pharmacists will find a copy of the "Accepted Dental Remedies" of value, and cooperation with dentists will be mutually helpful. Price, \$1.00.—E. G. EBERLE.

*Marihuana*, by ROBERT P. WALTON, Professor of Pharmacology, School of Medicine, University of Mississippi. Introduction by EUGENE M. K. GELLING, University of Chicago. Publishers, J. B. Lippincott & Co., Philadelphia, Pa. Price, \$3.00.

Marihuana was not considered a danger in this country. Hemp found its place in the seed as food for birds. Now it is a source of great danger in the development of addicts. Pharmacists realize the danger and guard against it, but this is not the case with those who are ignorant of the narcotic effect and spread the information to those who do not realize the dangers of addiction. Dr. Walton states, "Any crusade to eliminate the marihuana habit must be based on accurate scientific knowledge of the narcotic," its origins, various forms, etc. For a time there was considerable publicity of the discovery of its use and then forgotten—there is danger in that. There should be constant watchfulness, because hemp is used more in tanning and as bird-seed than as medicine. Too much publicity and popular writing may have its dangers. Pharmacists realize the dangers; writers, in order to make their columns interesting do harm when in fact their intention is to be helpful. This effort requires the attention of those who know and understand the subject, and it may be best to avoid some of the publicity about this dangerous narcotic.—E. G. EBERLE.

*The Extra Pharmacopœia*, MARTINDALE, 21st edition, in two volumes, published by direction of the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, 23 Bloomsbury Sq., W. C. 1. Price, 22s. 6d. The companion to this volume is Volume I. Twenty-first edition, price 27s. 6d. Postage 6d. extra. 1148 pages. Flexible leather binding.

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While of greater value for British pharmacists the publication has found a place in the pharmaceutical establishments and libraries of the United States.—E. G. EBERLE.

*The Pharmaceutical Pocket Book*, 13th edition, edited by C. E. CORFIELD. The Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain; the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain's Activities, Statutory Obligations, Advice to Students, Apprentices, Examinations, Dispensing, Homeopathic Pharmacy, Active Ingredients in Preparations of the British Pharmacopœia, Equivalent B. P. Doses, Food and Diet, Vitamins, Endocrine Organs, Materia Medica, Weights and Measures, Poison Law, Lists, Schedules, Veterinary Doses, Fatal Doses, Special Privileges of Members of the Association, Meetings of the Society, the Journal, the Museum, the Prescription, Sterilization, Abbreviations and Diets, Examination of Water, Urine, Blood, Bile Salts, Indican, Gastric Contents, Culture Media, Bacteriological Chart, Drugs of Various Sources, Table of Solubilities, Dictionary of Synonyms, etc.

This publication is a useful laboratory and prescription desk hand-book. Publishers, the Pharmaceutical Press, 23 Bloomsbury Square, London, W. C. 1. Price, 5s. 6d. Cloth binding.

—E. G. EBERLE.