

*Inaugural Dissertations.* Contributions to the history of Hellebore and Veratrum, an Inaugural Dissertation to the acquisition of the degree of Ph.D. at the University of Basel of Ferdinand Wick of Zuzwill, Canton of St. Gallen. The author contributes the work to Prof. Dr. H. Zornig and the head of the Institute of Botany, Prof. Dr. G. Senn, and dedicates the dissertation to his parents. The general subjects deal with Hellebore and Veratrum and the special subjects to the history of the drugs; the discussion of the study is followed by biographies, and references cover ten pages. The drugs are separately treated and present a very complete study of their uses in all countries and show extensive library research relating to culture, collection, toxicology, pharmacy, pharmacology, preservation, nomenclature, etc.

*Medical Jurisprudence and Toxicology*, by WILLIAM D. McNALLY, A.B., M.D., assistant professor of Medicine and lecturer in Toxicology; Rush Medical College; attending toxicologist, Presbyterian Hospital; Attending Staff St. Joseph's Hospital, Chicago. Publishers, W. B. Saunders Co., Philadelphia and London. 400 pages. Price, \$3.75.

The textbook has been condensed, (largely) from McNally's Toxicology. The essential medico legal facts have been written for students of Medicine, Pharmacy and Dentistry and for practicing physicians and others called upon for determination of causes of sudden death, conditions which bring about a question of responsibility, adulteration of foods, etc.

Part I discusses medical jurisprudence of which the first chapter deals with the procedure of the courts; the Coroner, the Workmen's Compensation and Industrial Commission District and Federal Courts. The study undertakes to look into the subjects systematically and in order that the facts may be known. A chapter is given to stains and another to X-ray and radium.

Part II is devoted to Toxicology, classified in chapters for convenience of the research worker and laboratorian under headings that group the poisons according to their characteristics.

In recent years the X-ray has been used in medico-legal diagnosis and the author of this book has shown its applicability and how traps may be set by the cross-examiner. The author points out the value when used properly in the light of present-day knowledge and on

the other hand, the possibility of misunderstanding and lack of understanding in the testimony.

The subjects are thoroughly considered, but briefly. The presentations indicate how dangerous the poisons may prove to be, if not eliminated, and the varying fatal doses in individuals, by methods of administration, etc.

The symptoms, the action, condition of the individuals and idiosyncrasies; the results in appearances of animals, all present interesting studies. While of special value to those engaged in the field, much information may be gained by all who have a part in any division of materia medica. It is a valuable book for the library of physicians, pharmacists, dentists, botanists and others who may be called upon to give evidence on the action of poison drugs.

*Chemists (Pharmacists) Dictionary of Medical Terms.* Sixth Edition. Published by the *Chemist and Druggist*. Price 8s. 10d. The publication followed that in the *Chemist and Druggist Diary*, beginning in 1907. Physiology has added some terms; the notes relating to treatment have been discontinued, but new items have increased the total.

There is some difference in the use of medicinal products in Great Britain and the United States, but this does not detract from the value and has been taken care of by the authors by inclusion of terms not largely employed in England. For use as a medical dictionary the pharmacist will find the book useful as the terms have been selected and the price is low; however, it does not replace a larger medical dictionary.

*Pharmaceutical Latin*, by JACOB S. DORFMAN, Assistant Professor of Pharmacy, Columbia University College of Pharmacy. Second Edition. 146 pages. Published by Lea & Febiger, Philadelphia, Pa. Price, \$2.00.

*Aids to Biochemistry*, E. A. COOPER and S. D. NICHOLAS. Second Edition. 312 pages. Published by Wm. Wood & Co., Baltimore, Md. Price, \$1.50.

*Organisch-chemische Experimentierkunst*, by DR. C. WEYGAND. Published by Johann Ambrosius Barth, Salomonst. 18 B, Leipzig C. I, Germany. Price, R.M. 43.20.