

and percolating filters. The first ninety-five pages of the book are devoted to sewerage and are practically a reprint of the same pages of the first edition. They treat of the health value of a sewerage system, preliminary reports and plans, cost and methods towns can employ for meeting the cost, and also details regarding construction, as main conduits, grades, man-holes, catch basins, storm overflows, depth and ventilation of sewers. The book is well written and gives a good general idea of the main points of a sewerage system and of sewage treatment. It can well be said to be one of the best of Van Nostrand's Scientific Series.

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THE JOURNAL OF BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY. Edited by J. J. ABEL AND C. A. HERTER. Vol. I, No. 1. New York. 1905. Subscription price, \$3.00 per volume.

It has long been recognized that a very considerable amount of excellent work in biological chemistry is done in this country which suggested the desirability of founding here a journal devoted to this growing specialty. Such a journal was announced some months ago and the first number has just been issued. It contains five articles, as follows: John J. Abel and R. DeM. Taveau: "On the Decomposition Products of Epinephrin Hydrate;" Reid Hunt: "The Influence of Thyroid Feeding upon Poisoning by Acetonitrile;" P. A. Levene: "The Cleavage Products of Proteoses;" Edward R. Posner and William J. Gies: "Is Protogon a Mechanical Mixture of Substances or a Definite Chemical Compound?" Frank P. Underhill: "Certain Aspects of Experimental Glycosuria."

On the title-page along with the names of the editors there are the names of twenty-two men as collaborators. This list of names is sufficient to guarantee the successful future of the journal, as far as contents, at any rate, are concerned. The general appearance of the new publication, which is printed on good paper with clear type, calls for distinct praise.

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