

edition was disposed of in less than four months. The advancements in dental pharmacology led to the issue of two more editions, and there has been an extensive demand for another. Owing to the prolonged illness of the author, he entrusted the present work to his son and Mr. Butcher, and they have produced a volume, almost entirely re-written and revised to date, which has the very desirable recommendation, of omitting all mention of drugs which have become obsolete by the introduction of new and better remedies. No doubt there must be wide difference of opinion as to the merits and demerits of certain drugs. In our own estimation pyrozone has quite superseded the use of peroxide of hydrogen; lysol will replace carbolic acid; the four essential oils mentioned by the authors are not superior, if equal, to the oil of cinnamon. The intention of the authors is, however, a commendable one. Even Brunton's "General Materia Medica," with its eleven hundred pages, is unnecessarily burdensome. The fifth edition of the late Prof. Garretson's work of thirteen hundred pages became wearisome in its verbosity. Students, no more than busy practitioners, want dull amplification. The more concise the facts the easier they will be memorized. The more pithy the statement, the more suggestive and the more practical. The authors have acted contrary to the general rule of authors, and have reduced the fourth edition from 400 to 155 pages, putting everything into terse and plain language, yet not abridged to injure one sentence. It is a neat volume, and can be made not only a student's and practitioner's guide, but the student's pocket companion. As a preparation for examinations it is all that an examiner or a student could wish for. This is not in any way to disparage the excellent work on "Dental Medicine," by Prof. Gorgas, which is now in its fifth volume, and which is the best adapted for those who want to go more minutely into the study of this important branch of the dental curriculum.

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## Obituary.

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### Thomas Henderson Chandler.

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Thomas Henderson Chandler, A.M., LL.B., M.D., D.M.D., Dean and Professor of Mechanical Dentistry in the Dental School of Harvard University, died at his residence, 72 St. Stephen Street, Boston, Mass., on Tuesday, August 27th, 1895, aged 71 years, 1 month, and 23 days.

In the death of Dr. Thomas H. Chandler, Boston has lost another of her honored sons. Born in the old Chandler homestead at the North End, and the eldest of a family of five brothers, he brought himself by hard and untiring work to a prominent