

FORMULAS FOR ELIXIRS, adopted by the American Pharmaceutical Association, at its twenty-first annual meeting, held at Richmond, Virginia, September, 1873, and recommended to be used by Physicians and Pharmacists.

This pamphlet is issued in accordance with a resolution of the American Pharmaceutical Association, which decided that if physicians must prescribe elixirs, or druggists dispense them, it is necessary that they should be prepared according to some authorized standard, such as that now furnished. The report is, therefore, given with the expressed hope that Medical and Pharmaceutical Societies throughout the United States, and perhaps Canada, "may deem it expedient to take such action in this matter as may tend to secure this much-desired uniformity."

It must not be supposed that the Committee to whom the getting up of this report was entrusted had any strong predilections towards the elixir business. We judge that the task was one of duty rather than of love; but nevertheless, the work has not been less faithfully or scrupulously performed, and if the little pamphlet before us is instrumental in mitigating to any extent the elixir nuisance, or of reducing to any degree of uniformity the heterogeneous preparations with which the market has been flooded, we are sure the Committee will have good grounds for congratulation.

The various formulas given will be found in another part of the Journal, and, while giving them publicity, we may say that the source from which they emanate justifies their being received with confidence.

NEW EDITION OF THE BRITISH PHARMACOPŒIA.

From our English exchanges we learn that a new edition of this work is so far advanced as to be in type, and will shortly be issued. Our readers have been apprised of the reasons which led to this undertaking. The "Addendum" or appendix, which is to embrace the list of new remedies, will be comprised in about twenty-four pages, and will render officinal the following preparations:—Tinct. aurantii recentis; tinct. ipecac; succus belladonna and hyoscyami; several new suppositories; a compound powder of elaterium; a new pill of jalap; pepsin; phosphorated oil; mustard paper; a solution of morphia for hypodermic injection; solution of citrate of magnesia; fluid extract of liquorice; oxide of bismuth; hypophosphite of soda; and nitrate of amyl. We are not aware that this new edition of the Pharmacopœia will differ from that now