

A Text-Book of Materia Medica, Therapeutics and Pharmacology. By George Frank Butler, Ph.G., M.D., Professor of Materia Medica and Clinical Medicine in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, University of Illinois. J. A. Carveth & Co., Toronto, Canadian Agents. Cloth, \$4.00; sheep or half morocco, \$5.00, net. Third Edition, thoroughly revised.

The rapid changes which have taken place within the last few years in the Armamentaria of the medical profession requires frequent revision of works of this class. When this work first made its appearance three years ago, its arrangement was made on a new basis. It embodied the synthetic classification of drugs based upon therapeutic affinities, believed by the author to be the most philosophical and rational, as well as that best calculated to engage the interest of those to whom the study of the subject is wont to offer no little perplexity. This arrangement would seem to have been well received, for within a very limited time two editions have been exhausted. We are not surprised at this—for, having examined the work very carefully, it commends itself to our judgment as being an excellent Text-Book for the class room, and equally good as a standard volume for the book-shelf of the practising physician. We find the pharmacological section very complete, exceptionally lucid. Much of the rubbish with which the drug market is flooded is, we are glad to say, not noticed, and only such of them as have proved of unquestionable value are to be found within its pages. "Untoward Action" and "Poisoning" are treated under separate heads. By the former it is intended to record the effect of medicinal doses in developing certain symptoms dependent more or less upon idiosyncrasy, but not necessarily assuming the aggravated form incident to toxic doses. Comparing the first with the present edition, we find that an immense amount of labor has been expended upon it, with the result of placing the work in every way up to date and well deserving of the support of the profession.

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