

times, the rapid advance of pharmaceutical science, and the issue of the United States Pharmacopœia last year, rendered necessary a careful revision and many additions. This work was commenced and carried on by Professor Parrish until the time of his death, in 1872, when the MSS. were handed over to the present editor, Mr. Wiegand, who has faithfully endeavoured to carry out the wishes of his deceased friend, and, as far as we have been able to judge, has done so successfully.

A great portion of the work has been re-written, and the general arrangement of subjects has been changed. About one hundred and fifty pages of new matter, embracing many illustrations, have been added, notwithstanding the care with which unimportant or obsolete details have been omitted.

The new chemical notation and nomenclature have been adopted, and advantage has been taken of the valuable information comprised in the periodical scientific literature of the past ten years to bring the work up to the most modern standpoint.

REPORT OF THE QUEBEC LUNATIC ASYLUM: *Addressed to the Honorable the Prime Minister of the Province of Quebec, by the Medical Superintendents.*

In a pamphlet of over two hundred pages we have a report of the above institution for the years 1872-3. We have not had time to give it a careful perusal; but from a cursory examination, we judge it to contain not only the details properly belonging to the subject, but much valuable information relating to the medical aspects of insanity, which, to the medical practitioner, will doubtless be found acceptable and useful.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, *at the twenty-first Annual Meeting, held in Richmond, Va., September, 1873. Philadelphia, 1874. 8vo., pp. 710.*

There are few works of more interest to the pharmacist than the annual volume of the "Proceedings," and the present issue is in no respect behind its predecessors. We are indeed almost inclined to think that it is the best that has so far appeared. Certainly it is so in extent, and in the number and value of the essays it contains; while in completeness of detail and comprehensiveness of its review of the literature of the year it cannot be excelled.

The minutes of the meeting, which are unusually full, occupy about one hundred pages, while the report on the progress of Pharmacy, containing a summary of pharmaceutical progress for the year, takes up about three hundred pages. In addition to these, we have the usual reports on the Drug Market; on Specimens Exhibited to the Meeting; on Adulterations and Sophistications; on Legislation; on the Pharmacopœia, and on Formulas for Elixirs. The report on the last named subject was issued separately, some