

REVIEWS AND NOTICES OF BOOKS.

Manual of Materia Medica and Therapeutics, being an abridgment of the late Dr. Pereira's Elements of Materia Medica and Therapeutics, arranged in conformity with the British Pharmacopœia, and adapted to the use of Medical Practitioners, Chemists and Druggists, Medical and Pharmaceutical Students, &c. By FREDERICK JOHN FARRE, M.D., Cantab., F.L.S., &c., assisted by ROBERT BENTLEY, M.R.C.S., F.L.S., &c., and by ROBERT WARMINGTON, F.R.S., F.C.S., &c. Edited, with numerous references to the U. S. Pharmacopœia, and many other additions, by HORATIO C. WOOD, Jr., M.D., Prof. of Botany, University of Pennsylvania, &c., with two hundred and thirty-six wood engravings. 8vo. pp. 1030. Philadelphia: Henry C. Lee; Montreal: Dawson Bros. 1866.

The Elements of Materia Medica by the late Dr. Pereira has been the standard of authority on this subject ever since its first appearance. In the later editions of the work each subject under consideration is treated most copiously. The constant labour of the late author, his continued additions to his store of knowledge, by pushing inquiry and verifying the information received, has given to his Elements the peculiar value which it possesses as a work for reference. With a view of giving to the profession a work with the stamp of Pereira, but of more convenient size, possessing all that is essential to know, and adhering to the original plan of arrangement, Dr. Farr, assisted by Professor Bentley and Mr. Warmington, have prepared the present abridgment, arranged in conformity with the British Pharmacopœia. This edition has been specially adapted for medical practitioners, chemists, druggists, medical and pharmaceutical students, inasmuch as the copiousness of Pereira's great work becomes embarrassing to those who have but limited time at their disposal. The editors have omitted all remedial agents, except those termed by the author "pharmaceutical;" all mental, physical, imponderable, and hygienic remedies, such as the influence of mind, light, heat, electricity, food exercise, and climate. Secondly are omitted all remedies which are not official, or which are not contained in the British Pharmacopœia; and, thirdly, all classifications of medicines have been omitted, except those founded on the chemical relations of inorganic bodies and on the botanical and zoological classification of plants and animals yielding organic bodies. Other changes are to be found in the work of a more directly practical bearing, such as where opinions expressed by the