

Uncertain Composition of Commercial Fluid Extracts of Cannabis Indica.—Mr. Henry W. Buchanan, (*Chicago Pharmacist*) publishes the result of an examination of the various fluid extracts of Indian hemp, and finds that, of sixteen samples examined the amount of solid extracts in 1000 parts varied from 100.25 to 23.00 parts—only six of the samples gave over 70.00 parts. The amount of resin varied from 74.0 to 17.5; and in one sample no resin whatever was found. The author made a standard preparation from the dried, flowering tops of the plant, using alcohol as a menstruum. From this he obtained 101.00 parts of solid extract and 78.3 of resin.

Registered Pharmacists of Great Britain.—From the recently published Calendar of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, it appears that the total number of registered chemists and druggists is 13,216 being an increase of 459 over last year. Of these, 10.59 per cent were registered by virtue of having passed the minor examination. In addition to the chemists and druggists, there are upon the register the names of 811 registered apprentices.

Books and Pamphlets.

A TREATISE ON PHARMACY: *Designed as a Text-Book for the Student, and as a Guide to the Physician and Pharmacist.* By EDWARD PARRISH, late Professor of the Theory and Practice of Pharmacy in the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, etc., etc. Fourth edition; enlarged and thoroughly revised by THOS. S. WIEGAND. Philadelphia: Henry C. Lea. Toronto: Hart & Rawlinson. 1874. 8vo. pp. 977.

It seems almost superfluous for us to notice a work with which our readers are so well acquainted, and the value of which they so well know. We are not aware that there exists in the English language, or indeed in any other, a work so comprehensive, complete, and of such practical utility. In reviewing former editions or reprints, we have found so little with which to find fault that our language has always been that of commendation, nor has our opinion been changed by the frequent reference which has been made to a book which occupies one of the most prominent positions on our shelves.

The fourth edition, which has just been issued, is, in many respects, an improvement on those which preceded it. Although, at the date of publication, the third edition was thoroughly up to the