

profusely and elegantly illustrated in colors and in black and white, mostly from the author's own drawings. The illustrations in comparative anatomy are of especial interest. The book will be found a necessity to the oculist and the neurologist, while to physicians in all branches of practice, to physiologists and psychologists it will prove a work of much value and interest. It will be complete in one royal octavo volume of about five hundred pages.

*Merck's Annual Report for 1904.—*

It will repay any practitioner to send to E. Merck, Darmstadt, Germany, for a copy of his annual report for 1904, just off the press. The firm will be pleased to send it to any Canadian practitioner writing for it. It furnishes a brief and impartial review of the advancements of pharmaceutical chemistry and therapeutics during the twelve months of last year, *irrespective of any interest of the firm who publish it*, and need not be regarded as being in any sense an advertisement for Merck & Co., lots of space being devoted to the pharmaceuticals manufactured by other houses. The volume comprises in all 250 pages.

We have received also an advance copy of the second supplement of "Merck's Manual of the Materia Medica," which, besides giving in detail the most important and approved remedies of recent introduction, gives a section on the treatment of cases of poisoning by different drugs. This manual is also obtainable free for the asking.

In connection with the enquiry which was recently instituted by the British Government with reference to industrial alcohol, Sir Henry Primrose and Dr. T. E. Thorpe paid a special visit to Germany to procure information as to the regulations in that country as to the use of alcohol in manufacture. The following is their report of a visit paid to the factory of Mr. E. Merck at Darmstadt:

"The new works, which are still in process of being finished as regards approaches and certain internal arrangements, are among the most complete and best appointed of their kind in the world. They consist of a number of detached and specially planned factories, under individual control and with special staffs of chemists and workmen, together occupying a very large area of ground, with convenient railway access from Arheilgen, on the Main-Neckar line. 1,200 workmen are employed, and 290 clerks and chemists. The firm deals in upwards of 6,000 products, 3,000 of which are made upon these premises. There are branch manufacturing establishments in Moscow and New York. In the latter, no preparation involving the use of alcohol is made."