

Materia Medica for Nurses. Emily A. M. Stoney. 264 pp. W. B. Saunders. May, 1899. \$1.50.

This work by the authoress of "Practical Points in Nursing," late Superintendent of the "Carney Hospital," South Boston, Mass., will no doubt be found useful to nurses individually. It is a question whether the book will ever attain to the dignity of a text-book in the various training schools for nurses. It is, so to speak, a "filtered" product—a mediocre condensation of fuller works, for which I am glad to see due credit has been given. R. W.

A Text Book of Pharmacology and Therapeutics; or the Action of Drugs on Health and Disease. By Arthur R. Cushing, M.A., M.D., Aberdeen; Professor of Materia Medica and Therapeutics in the University of Michigan; 711 pp. Lea Bros. & Co., Philadelphia and New York. July, 1899.

Next to Lauder Brunton's "Lectures on the Actions of Medicines," Cushing's work is the most readable, condensed and complete that has appeared for many years. It has been written by one who evidently knows what the student and practitioner needs. There is a welcome absence of the (to the medical man of to-day) unnecessary details of plant description and pharmacal technique, and is eminently what it professes to be—a text-book of pharmacology and therapeutics. Another welcome innovation, and, as far as I know, the author is the first to introduce it, is the noting of the British pharmacopœial products as well as those of the United States Pharmacopœia. This makes it a book that can be used by Canadian students particularly. The section on internal secretions is well written, and embraces all that is known on the ferments, secretions and toxalbumins to-day. On the whole, Cushing has done that difficult thing, written an interesting, readable book, singularly free from padding, on a subject that to the student, at any rate, is particularly dry and difficult. The binding and letter press work is done in Lea's usually faultless manner.

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American Pocket Medical Dictionary. Edited by W. A. Newman Dorland, A.M., M.D., Fellow of the American Academy of Medicine. Containing the pronunciation and definition of over 26,000 of the terms used in Medicine and the kindred sciences. Second edition, revised. Philadelphia, W. B. Saunders, 925 Walnut Street, 1899. J. A. Carvell & Co., Toronto, Ontario. Price \$1.25.

A Medical Dictionary is of course a necessary part of every medical man's library. If able to afford it, one that is full and complete on every detail should be obtained. There are, however, many practising in the country towns and villages whose incomes cannot afford such a luxury. To them, this handy little volume, at a very reasonable price, will enable them, to obtain practically all necessary information, and even those possessing a larger volume will find Dr. Dorland's Dictionary to fill a place peculiarly its own. The chief aim of the author has been to make the selection of words