

therapeutics are still taught by the same teacher at the same course of lectures, and the text book adopted will too often be the only one the new graduate will carry into his office for reference. Not every graduate (or sometime physician, for that matter) has a three volume system of Therapeutics to refer to, and the absence of the second half of the fourth (previous) edition will be sorely missed.

The title would much more appropriately be "a practical treatise on pharmacology (with especial reference to the clinical application of drugs) for students." Just what form the physician's edition will take I do not know, as I have not seen it yet. If it be an amplification of this, it will to a great extent replace it; if it be purely a volume on therapeutics, it will fill a place of its own and be a fitting companion to the present volume.

Of the book itself, nothing but praise can be said; it has been most thoroughly revised and brought up to date. I am pleased to note Gauthier's cacodylic acid treatment mentioned under "Arsenic," although I do not understand the daily dose being given as 1 milligramme (gr. $\frac{1}{85}$) when Gauthier advises from 2 to 5 centigrammes ($\frac{1}{8}$ to $\frac{5}{8}$ grains), not to exceed 1 decigram ($1\frac{1}{2}$ grains) a day. The saturation of the system being an important feature of the treatment, the dosage is rather odd—judging by the formula given, and I should say an error in dose per c.c. has been made. The wealth of prescriptions makes it especially valuable to the beginner. The type is clear and the paper dull enough to obviate the glare which is so tiresome and ruinous to the eyes—the binding is substantial and is the publishers' well-known style, while the absence of a host of book advertisements at the back is a notable exception for which the book makers deserve special notice. On the whole, this volume will be a welcome addition to the teacher's armamentarium.

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Therapeutics, Principles and Practice. By Horatio C. Wood, M.D., LL.D., 11th Edition. J. B. Lippincott Co., Philadelphia and London, 1900.

This new edition of Wood's well-known work on *Materia Medica and Therapeutics* is a welcome advance on the previous ones, not so much in the quality of the work, but in the new scheme of arrangement adopted; much of the heavy and detailed pharmacological laboratory work has been condensed and much omitted, to find its proper place (in a work of this kind) in a "reference list" at the end of the article. The adoption of three distinct sizes of type is also a welcome innovation. The essential matter is in one type, the supplementary and experimental matter in smaller type, while a careful summary in heavy type closes nearly every article.

The classification remains as before on a therapeutic basis, and, while perhaps not so strictly scientific as a classification based on the chemical composition of drugs as essayed by Schmiedberg and his pupils, it is probably more easily remembered and more accessible to the general practitioner.

I am glad to note that the type is very readable and printed on a dull-finished paper instead of the glassy surfaces that are so