

A Reference Hand-book of the Medical Sciences, embracing the Entire Range of Scientific and Practical Medicine and Allied Science. By various writers. A new edition, completely revised and rewritten. Edited by ALBERT H. BUCK, M.D., New York City. Volume VIII. Illustrated by chromolithographs and 435 half-tone and wood engravings. New York: William Wood & Company.

Volume VIII. completes the set of the new edition of the Reference Hand-book, which may well be called a monumental production in medical and scientific literature. This volume opens with umbelliferæ and closes with yellow fever. In addition there is an elaborate and carefully prepared index. Canada is represented in this volume by four well-known men: Francis J. Shepherd, Montreal; H. Beaumont Small, Ottawa, and W. F. Hamilton and A. G. Nicholls, Montreal. The Reference Hand-book is probably the most extensive medical production undertaken on this continent. It is certainly a work which ought to be in the library of every progressive physician. The editor and publishers alike are to be congratulated upon bringing it to a successful completion.

Essentials of Chemistry, Organic and Inorganic. Containing also questions on Medical Physics, Chemical Philosophy, Medical Processes, Toxicology, etc. By LAWRENCE WOLFF, M.D., formerly Demonstrator of Chemistry at the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. Sixth edition, thoroughly revised. By A. FERREE WITMER, Ph.G., formerly Assistant Demonstrator in Physiology at the University of Pennsylvania. 12mo volume of 225 pages, fully illustrated. Philadelphia, New York, London: W. B. Saunders & Company. Canadian agents: J. A. Carveth & Co., Limited, 434 Yonge Street, Toronto, 1904. Cloth, \$1.00 net.

We need but mention the fact that this little work has reached its sixth edition to prove beyond question its practical usefulness. The recent important discoveries in physics and inorganic chemistry have rendered it necessary, in Dr. Witmer's revision, to make extensive additions almost to every part of the work. The subject of organic chemistry, especially organotherapy and the substituted ammonias, has also been carefully revised and much new matter added. We find the book unusually excellent.