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A Text-Book Upon the Pathogenic Bacteria. For Students of Medicine and Physicians. By JOSEPH MCFARLAND, M.D., Professor of Pathology and Bacteriology in the Medico-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia. Sixth Revised Edition. Octavo of 709 pages; fully illustrated, a number in colors. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company. 1909. Cloth, \$3.50 net. Canadian Agents, The J. F. Hartz Co., Ltd., Toronto.

This, the sixth revised edition of McFarland's *Pathogenic Bacteria*, covers, in a very careful manner, the ground in general bacteriology. The book is really a carefully edited selection of much that is good, derived from many sources. The drawings and illustrations are quite as good as found in similar works published in English, not, however, to be compared with the German texts which are no more comprehensive. The subject matter is entertainingly written, and for the most part is clear, concise and comprehensive. As a guide to practitioners, as well as a book of reference for students, it can be cheerfully recommended. J. G. F.

Text-Book of Medical and Pharmaceutical Chemistry. By ELIAS H. BARTLEY. Seventh Revised Edition. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston & Co.

The scope of this work is very considerable, and the effect will be realized when one consults the table of contents, where it will be seen that the subjects of Physics, Inorganic Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Pharmacognosy, Clinical Laboratory Methods, Physiological Chemistry, Clinical Bacteriology, etc., are covered in 600 pages. While the book includes much that is useful, it is not one that could be recommended to medical students, since a great many of the topics are treated in an altogether too general fashion and quite too much ground is covered in this way. It is impossible to deal adequately with more than one or two of the subjects discussed. Had the author confined his attention to fewer subjects, the results would have been decidedly more desirable. J. G. F.