

ERROR IN OUR LAST ISSUE.—We regret that by an error in our last number, Dr. G. R. McDonagh was credited with having contributed an article on "Emphysema of the Maxillary Sinus," which was written by Dr. D. J. Gibb Wishart, of Toronto.

BLAUD PILL CAPSULES (D. F. & Co.). The profession will be glad to note, by announcement on page 267, that Messrs. Duncan, Flockhart & Co., of Edinburgh, have established a depot in Toronto for their famous capsules. Concerning these capsules there seems to be but one opinion in the medical world, that they are the most reliable preparation of this valuable formula available to the profession. The London *Lancet* says: "The administration of nauseous as well as unstable drugs in the form of flexible and soluble Gelatine Capsules has found favor with many, and a well-known firm like Messrs. Duncan, Flockhart & Co. is sure to devote great care in the preparation of medicaments of this kind. An illustration of this is afforded in the case of the Bland Pill Capsule, which, of course, should contain, as far as is possible, the iron in the proto or ferrous condition. On examining a capsule made by this firm, and said to contain the equivalent of three pills, we found that of the total amount of iron present 92 per cent. was in the form of preto-carbonate."

Books and Pamphlets.

DOSE-BOOK AND MANUAL OF PRESCRIPTION-WRITING, with a list of the official drugs and preparations and also many of the newer remedies now frequently used, with their doses. By E. Q. Thornton, M.D., Ph.G., Demonstrator of Therapeutics, Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia; Assistant Surgeon, United States Marine Hospital Service. Philadelphia: W. B. Saunderson. Toronto: Carveth & Co.

To the busy practitioner the Manual of Prescription-Writing should be very serviceable. It is a small, well written volume, neatly bound in cloth, and easily carried in the pocket, and is an excellent book to have while travelling, as it gives, in a brief space, a vast amount of information regarding the correct writing of a prescription. It gives briefly and alphabetically, a description of the official and officinal drugs and preparations now in use, with the dose of each. It also treats of the Solubilities and Incompatibilities, Weights and Measures, and the most ready and easy way of administering medicine. In all it is a book worthy the careful study of the student as well as that of the general practitioner, who wishes to gain the

greatest amount of information by the smallest amount of reading.

FUNK AND WAGNALL'S STANDARD DICTIONARY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

We have received the second volume of this magnificent work. It would be impossible in any ordinary review to give a tithe of the good points of the book. It is a book for all people, comprehensive, not overly bulky or verbose, up to date, containing all the new words which the past few years have introduced into our language, in Electricity, Medicine and other Sciences, and many words and phrases which we would not know where else to look for.

One thing we notice with pleasure, viz., the tendency towards the simplification of spelling as in the diphthongs "æ" and "œ" being replaced by "e" in words considered as fully anglicized. On the other hand "sulfur" "quinin" look barbarous to our unaccustomed eyes, though adopted by the Chemical Section of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. No further commendation is needed than our saying that it fills in every sense our ideal of what a dictionary should be.

MANUAL OF GENERAL MEDICINAL TECHNOLOGY, AND PRESCRIPTION WRITING. By Edward Curtis, A.M., M.D., Emeritus Professor of Materia Medica, etc., College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia College, New York City. 3rd edition; pp. 235. New York: Wm. Wood & Co. 1895.

This very handy and pleasingly gotten up little volume contains in short space much that every student in medicine and pharmacy should know, and would be of distinct advantage either alone or as supplementary to Pereira's or Griffith's handbook. It is divided into Part I, Technology of Medicines, and Part II, Technology of Medicating. The former has, as sub-divisions, such subjects as: The Authority for Medicines, The Naming of Medicines, Forms of Medicines, Determining of Quantities of Medicines, Prescribing of Medicines. Part II, has chapters on Modes of Medicating, Dosage, and an Appendix. It seems to be the result of much thought and experience as a teacher in medicine.

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