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Chemistry. General, Medical, and Pharmaceutical, including the Chemistry of the United States Pharmacopeia; a Manual of the Science of Chemistry and its Application in Medicine and Pharmacy. By JOHN ATTFIELD, F.R.S., Ph.D., (Tübingen) F.I.C., F.C.S. For thirty-four years Professor of Practical Chemistry to the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, 1862 to 1896; formerly Demonstrator of Chemistry at St. Bartholemew's Hospital, London; Honorary Member of the Pharmaceutical Societies of Great Britain, St. Petersburg, Austria, Denmark, America, etc.; Honorary Member of the College of Pharmacy of Philadelphia, New York, Ontario, etc.; Editor of "British Pharmacopeia," 1898. Sixteenth Edition. Philadelphia and New York: Lea Brothers & Co. 1899.

This book is so well known to the medical and pharmaceutical professions that a review of the work appears almost unnecessary, and therefore we shall only refer to its most salient characters. The volume is intended for the use of students of medicine and pharmacy, and covers in a way the whole field of medical chemistry, inorganic and organic, as well as qualitative and quantitative analysis, and includes the chemistry of both the British and United States pharmacopeias. Although we have always looked upon the book as the most useful work of its size in applied medical chemistry, still we would never think of recommending it to medical or pharmaceutical students beginning the study of general chemistry. The author's method of presenting the subject is considerably different from that which is followed, or should be followed, at the present day. He gives very little attention to the natural classification of the elements, and rarely refers to the relations of the elements of the different groups which, according to the opinion of the best teachers of chemistry, are two principles which should never be lost sight of in successfully teaching the subject. The chapters on organic chemistry would be much improved if more attention were given to the description of the groups of compounds taken as whole before describing the chemistry of their principal members. The sections on analyses are accurately written and are of sufficient length for a work of this kind. The book, taken as a whole, is a first-class manual of applied medical chemistry, and we believe that we can safely state that a pharmacist library would be incomplete without it.