

charged with the responsibility of caring for the health of our Canadian soldiers in this country, England or France. A number of experts have contributed towards the pages of this little book.

PHYSIOLOGY.

Handbook of Physiology. By W. D. Halliburton, M.D., LL.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.S., Professor of Physiology, King's College, London. Thirteenth edition (being the twenty-sixth edition of Kirke's Physiology), with nearly six hundred illustrations in the text, many of which are colored, and three-colored plates. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston's Son and Company, 1012 Walnut Street, 1917. Price, \$3.50.

The first edition appeared in 1848, under the authorship of William Senhouse Kirkes. At different times the book has been brought out under the editorship of William Savory, Morant Baker, E. Klein, Vincent Harris. In 1896 the publishers, acting on the advise of the late Sir W. R. Gowers, selected Professor Halliburton to edit subsequent editions. How well he has done his work is best told by referring to the continued popularity of the book. As a work on physiology it has found its way into most libraries, and should find a place in all. No physician or surgeon should practise unless he is a student of physiology, and we know of no better book than this one by Professor Halliburton. In the first place, we may mention that the publishers have given us a handsome volume. The paper (typography and binding are first-class, and everyone who has to study a book knows how much these things mean to him. The real thing, however, is that the matter is so good. Professor Halliburton knows what to say and how to say it. The present edition shows that the book has been kept up-to-date, both in text and illustrations. Having had the pleasure of reading various editions of this work for forty years, we take special pleasure in recommending it to others.

COMMISSION ON CONSERVATION.

The Commission of Conservation of Canada Report of the Eighth Annual Meeting, held at Ottawa, January 16th and 17th, 1917. The Federated Press, Limited, Montreal.

Among other items of useful information, this report contains articles on venereal diseases and foods. The startling statement by no less an authority than Dr. C. K. Clarke, superintendent of the Toronto General Hospital, that more than 12 per cent. of the patients admitted to the public wards of that institution have syphilis, is the feature of the eighth annual report of the Commission of Conservation, just issued. These conditions, it is pointed out, are no doubt representative of those