

BOOK NOTICES.

"EDIBLE AND POISONOUS MUSHROOMS," by W. A. Murrill, appeared June 26th, 1916. This work consists of a large colored chart and a handbook containing descriptions of the chief edible and poisonous species in North America, together with a discussion of edible and poisonous fungi in general, and methods of preparing and cooking mushrooms. The treatment is brief, requiring only about seventy-five pages, but it covers the ground in a practical and safe way, and will enable the intelligent mushroom-loving public to enjoy many of our native wild species without fear of unpleasant consequences. The writer has erred rather on the side of safety, failing to figure and recommend for food the royal agaric, the blushing amanita, the sheathed amanitopsis, and many other species which are excellent and often eaten.

The chart was prepared under the author's direction by a very careful artist, and is suitable for hanging on the wall in libraries and schools, as well as in botanical museums. Different backgrounds are used for the edible and poisonous species, which are separated and plainly labelled, so that no mistakes can occur. The maximum of safety lies in accurate figures, and descriptions not only of species that may be safely eaten, but also of all the dangerous species that should be avoided.

The price of the handbook and chart is \$2.00. Copies may be obtained from the author, whose address is Bronxwood Park, New York City.

ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY REPORT.

The 46th Annual Report of the Entomological Society of Ontario recently appeared. It is one of the most valuable reports ever issued by the Society, comprising 232 pages, and presents the proceedings of the 52nd annual meeting, held in Ottawa on November 4th and 5th, 1915. Thirty papers are given in full, many of which are illustrated. All students of insect life, not only in Canada, but elsewhere, will undoubtedly welcome the appearance of this splendid report. Most of the articles discuss important crop pests of the farmer and fruit-grower.