

style, and clear enunciation of every topic connected with the science of obstetrics, we have little doubt that Dr. Bedford's lectures will become very attractive to the student and practitioner. We are aware that in our own University it is used by many of the students, although it does not appear in the list of works recommended as text books.

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*A Treatise on Pharmacy*, designed as a text book for the Student, and as a guide for the Physician and Pharmaceutist, containing officinal and many unofficinal preparations. By EDWARD PARRISH, graduate in Pharmacy. R. 8vo. Third Edition, pp. 850. Philadelphia: Blanchard and Lea, 1864.

We have examined this large volume with a good deal of care, and find that the author has completely exhausted the subject upon which he treats; a more complete work, we think, it would be impossible to find. The volume opens with a description of the furniture and the various implements, which are necessary to the dispensing office or shop, a chapter so full of useful hints that we cordially recommend its perusal by all pharmaceutical students; then follows a chapter on the pharmacopœia of the United States; giving a history of its adoption, and a brief glance at the additions and improvements made in the revised edition of 1863. From the author's remarks we would almost imagine that many "cooling summer beverages," of which our neighbors as well as ourselves perhaps, use not a little, have been made officinal preparations—soda powders and seidlitz powders have. Chapter three is directed to weights and measures and specific gravity, while the greater part of the remainder of the book is devoted to practical pharmacy, of which the work is a thorough exposition. At the end a chapter is added concerning prescriptions sent to druggists to be made up which is worthy of attentive perusal, especially that now-a-days so few physicians are dispensing their own medicines. It is a somewhat singular fact that but few graduates in medicine are at the time of graduation able to write what would be called even a decently-written prescription; a glance at the prescriptions on file at any drug-store in the province doing a dispensing business will amply confirm our statement. This is a matter which is deserving of attention; and we think the Medical School, which will first undertake the drilling of its students into the art of writing prescriptions, will be doing not a little to elevate the social position of its graduates, and giving them instruction for which they certainly cannot be too grateful. Returning from this digression, the chapter we have alluded to is well written, and contains