

BOOK NOTICE

The Extra Pharmacopoeia. Revised by W. HARRISON MARTINDALE, PH.D., F.C.S. 20th Edition. Vol. I. Foolscap 8vo. Pp. 48+1,216. London: H. K. Lewis & Co., Limited. 1932. Price (in Great Britain), 27/6 net.

Martindale and Westcott's Extra Pharmacopoeia is so well known that no words of recommendation are necessary. It is an indispensable book to the physician, and we hold it to be above criticism.

Since the publication of the first vol. of the 19th edition in 1928, new editions of official pharmacopoeias have appeared in Italy (1929), Belgium and Spain (1930). These, and the new edition of the B.P. (1932), have undergone abstraction for the present volume. A useful synopsis of the *principal* additions and changes in the B.P. (1932) is appended as well as the handy tables of weights and measures, thermometric equivalents and atomic weights. The main part of the work is arranged alphabetically from "acacia green" to "zinc." There is also a copious list of supplementary drugs, sections on vaccines and antitoxins, on organo-therapy, a schedule of poisons, a summary of the Dangerous Drugs Acts and a therapeutic index of diseases.

It is interesting to note that this is the jubilee year of publication, the first volume by W. Martindale and Dr. Wynn Westcott having appeared in 1883. After Mr. Martindale's death in 1902, his son, Mr. W. Harrison Martindale, collaborated with Dr. Wynn Westcott till the latter's death in 1925. Since that date he has shouldered the bulk of the work. He deserves the thanks and congratulations not only of his own profession but also of all medical men.

OBITUARY

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THE passing of Andrew Freeland Fergus on October 24 last, leaves a gap in the friendships of the older generation of medical men, more especially in Glasgow and the West of Scotland. It surely is an unusual circumstance that a man should be a distinguished ophthalmologist, a teacher of Physics, and also an expert navigator and skilled seaman. Nor can it often happen that he should occupy the Presidential chair of an important public body, a chair which his father had occupied not so many years before, and that he should be followed a few years later in the same honourable position by his younger brother.