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PREFACE.

The object of this work is to give a concise account of the principal vegetable, animal, and chemical substances used in medicine.

It has been written primarily for students, and embraces all the drugs included in the Pharmacopæia or mentioned in the syllabus of the qualifying examination of the Pharmaceutical Society; but it is hoped that it may also be found useful by others who occasionally need information concerning medicinal products.

The drugs have been arranged in classes, like being placed with like; but to facilitate ready reference an exhaustive index has been added. No attempt has been made to describe the drugs adequately, as their distinctive characters can only be learnt from actual specimens, and for students the work is intended to supplement and summarise, not to supplant, personal teaching.

A work of this kind must necessarily be largely a compilation, originality being the least desirable quality in a statement of facts; and, in addition to the British Pharmacopæia, the works of the following authorities have been consulted: Squire, Martindale, White and Humphrey, Lauder Brunton, Whitla, Holmes, Attfield, Maisch, Flückiger and Hanbury, Francis Ransom, C. G. Moor, and the authors of the United States Dispensatory.

The latest researches have been studied in the periodical pharmaceutical press and the Year-Books of Pharmacy. Mr. John R. Jackson, A.L.S. (late of Kew), has very kindly read the proof-sheets of the section relating to vegetable drugs; and Mr. Sydney C. Gadd has read the whole of the proofs, compiled the index, and in other ways given valuable aid.

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