synthetic chemistry) the composition of which is published and whose pharmacology has been more or less accurately ascertained, give some account of the properties and dosage of the principal drugs in each class, and to indicate their relative and collective value as accurately as possible by reference to clinical experience, laboratory experiment, and a study of the literature." This the author has admirably succeeded in doing, and in a very practical manner, eliminating as far as possible a too detailed discussion of the more intricate theories of chemistry. He has wisely excluded the animal group of drugs, as well as a consideration of serum and vaccine preparations. In regard to the arsenical group, it is, perhaps, to be regretted that the book was published too early to admit of a review and discussion of the merits of salvarsan.

Among the several excellent chapters, the one devoted to an impartial discussion of the drugs making up the spinal anesthetic group is especially to be commended. V. L.

HANDBOOK OF MEDICAL TREATMENT. A GUIDE TO THERAPEUTICS FOR STUDENTS AND PRACTITIONERS. WITH AN APPENDIX ON DIET. By JAMES BURNET, M.A., M.R.C.P. (Edin.), etc. New York: William Wood & Co., 1911.

THIS little pocket handbook consists of a brief outline of treatment of all medical and dermatological conditions, of some neurological, and a few surgical conditions. In addition, there is an appendix on diet, including infant food. The advice is logical and clearly given, but necessarily extremely brief. The value of such a book is very questionable. In the title the author says the book is a guide for students and practitioners. A student carefully and conscientiously trained at a good medical school has no use for such a book; while in the practitioner it encourages the employment of superficial and careless methods of dealing with cases to consult for advice a book which disposes of the large subject of therapeutics in such a concise and limited manner.

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FORTPFLANZUNG VERERBUNG RASSENHYGIENE. By PROF. MAX v. GRUBER and PRIV. DOZ. DR. ERNST RÜDIN. Pp. 178; 230 illustrations. Munich: J. F. Lehmanns, 1911.

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