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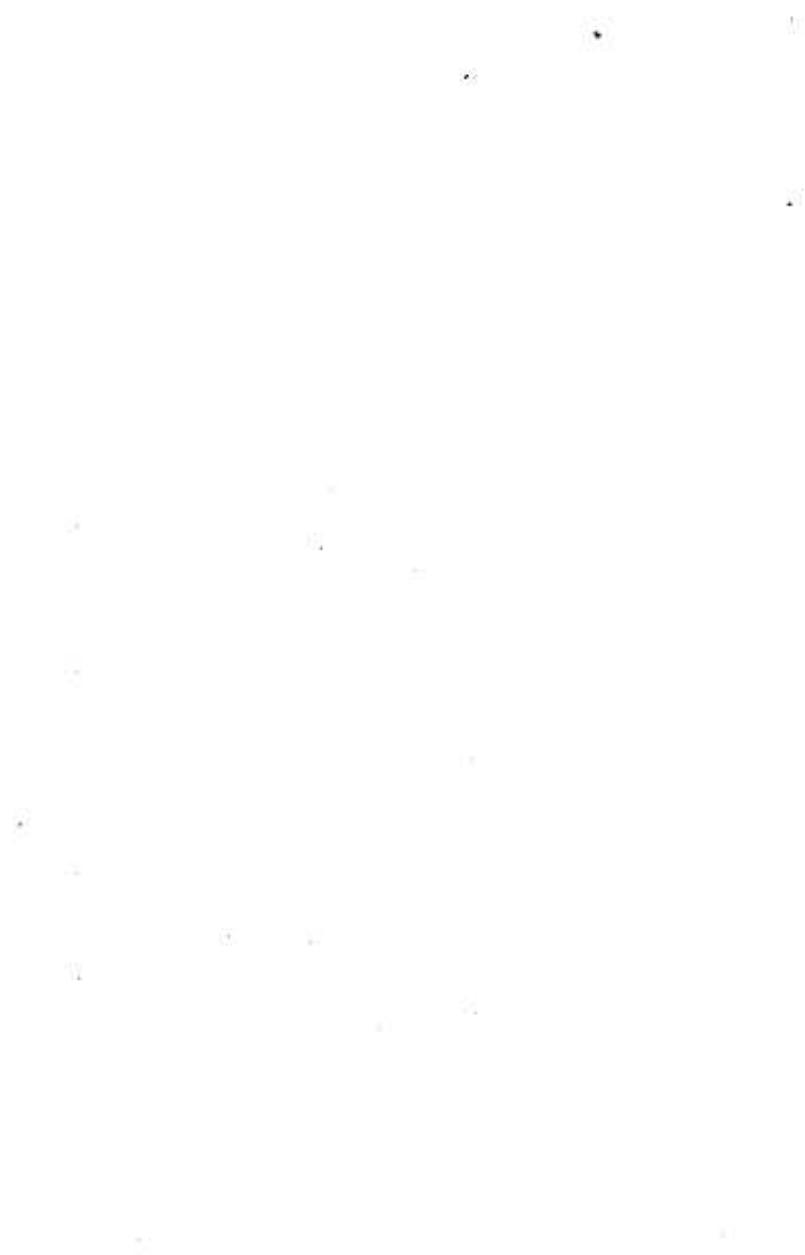
P R E F A C E
TO
THE FOURTH EDITION.

THE third edition of the Companion to the British and American Homœopathic Pharmacopœias being exhausted, in compiling a fourth I have endeavoured to improve it as much as possible.

Many of the processes, characters, and tests given in the third and last edition of the British Homœopathic Pharmacopœia consist of reprints from the British Pharmacopœia of 1867, but a new edition of the latter work having been published with many additions, corrections, and alterations of processes, symbolic formulæ, &c., the corresponding corrections and alterations have been made in this work, bringing the "Companion" up to date without altering in any way the general plan of the book; and in conclusion Chemists will find this a handy manual, giving them all the information necessary for the preparation and dispensing of drugs peculiar to Homœopathic Pharmacy.

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T H E T H I R D E D I T I O N .

ENCOURAGED by the success attending the sale of the first and second editions, I have endeavoured as far as possible to improve the third, and to this end have entirely re-written the article on tincture-making.

The quantity of rectified spirit and water used in the preparation of fresh plant tinctures is given in minims, and placed separately, that being considered the most convenient method, for it has always appeared to me that to express them by decimal parts of an ounce occasions unnecessary labour, besides the possibility of error, when converting them to measure. Owing to the kindness of Dr. Redwood, who has placed at my disposal anything he has published on the subject of tincture-making, I have been enabled to collect a vast amount of information that will, I feel sure, be of great service to Homœopathic Chemists, or to those who prepare tinctures of any kind.

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PREFACE
TO
THE SECOND EDITION.

THE first edition was sold in the short space of twelve months, and before commencing a new issue, it was necessary to wait for the latest Homœopathic Pharmacopœia, which was duly received at the beginning of the present year. On perusing that work it was satisfactory to note the suggestions, made in the "Companion," to medicate pilules with proof spirit tinctures, and the addition of water to the pilules before medication with strong spirit tinctures, had been adopted by the Pharmacopœia Committee. Tincture-triturations are also now official in the B.H.P., but if prepared as directed, one grain will not represent one minim, except in the case of attenuations. Correct instructions are given, however, in the present work.

Since the first edition of the "Companion" was published a new American Homœopathic Pharmacopœia has appeared. In this work tinctures are prepared by the Hahnemannian method, which by many is accepted as the better of the two. The British system, however, is considered the most scientific and uniform, and should always be adopted in this country. The directions for