

In appealing for funds for the Museum, it is pointed out that one of its greatest values is the bringing together of members of the military and civil medical profession.

GADD'S SYNOPSIS OF THE BRITISH PHARMACOPŒIA, 1932. By H. Wippell Gadd. Thirteenth Edition. London: Baillière, Tindall and Cox. 1936. Pp. 200. Price 3s.

We published a review of the twelfth edition of this excellent little book in the *Journal* of January, 1933.

The new Poisons List and the Rules which came into effect on May 1, 1936, made apparent the need for this new edition. The enactments are summarized in the booklet.

The Synopsis is still kept to a size which enables it to be carried in the vest pocket.

We can add nothing to our previous favourable opinion as to the usefulness of Mr. Gadd's little book.

Notices.

THE ROYAL SANITARY INSTITUTE.

HIS MAJESTY THE KING has been graciously pleased to grant his Patronage to the Royal Sanitary Institute. The Institute is much gratified by this mark of the Royal favour which continues the long record of Royal Patronage that the Institute has enjoyed under Queen Victoria, King Edward VII and King George V.

"STYPVEN."

RUSSELL VIPER VENOM (NOT FOR INJECTION).

RECENT investigation has shown that even a very dilute solution of Russell Viper Venom has hæmostatic properties which are of great use clinically.

"Stypven" presents Russell Viper Venom in the most convenient form. It is issued in rubber-stoppered bottles accompanied by hermetically sealed ampoules of solvent consisting of sterile distilled water containing 0.5 per cent. phenol. A solution of Russell Viper Venom of the necessary concentration is thus readily prepared by adding the solvent to the "stypven" in the rubber-stoppered bottles provided.

The external bleeding which usually occurs in hæmophilics after the extraction of teeth may now be controlled and the extraction undertaken with reasonable safety. It has also been found that, apart from hæmophilics, a considerable number of patients bleed more profusely than usual after the extraction of teeth. With patients of this kind the application

of a pledget soaked in "stypven" solution immediately after extraction leads to rapid cessation of the bleeding.

"Stypven" is prepared at the Wellcome Physiological Research Laboratories and supplied in two sizes, 1 cubic centimetre and 5 cubic centimetres, by Burroughs, Wellcome and Co.

"EULYKOL."

"EULYKOL," a mixture of the phenylethyl esters of a selected fraction of the acids of hydnocarpus oil, is sometimes designated "phenylethyl hydnocarpate." It is stated that in the treatment of lupus vulgaris hydnocarpus esters are effective in quickly clearing up the patches. The lupus nodules slough out and eventually heal up leaving no signs of the nodules.

During investigations carried out at the Wellcome Chemical and Physiological Research Laboratories to discover a preparation less likely to cause pain and local reactions than the creosoted ethyl esters originally employed, it was found that phenylethyl esters were the least irritant and the most readily absorbed. By eliminating the small uncrystallizable portion of the total fatty acids, it has been possible to prepare phenylethyl esters possessing a minimum irritant action. "Eulykol" is usually administered by intradermal injection. It is still under trial, but the favourable results so far obtained indicate that it is worthy of more extensive investigations. The advantages of this treatment are that the course is of short duration, the technique simple and comparatively little pain is experienced by the patient. Further, after treatment very little scarring is present, the skin being quite supple.

This product prepared by Burroughs, Wellcome and Co. under a British patent is now available in bottles of 25 cubic centimetres.

HEALTH IN THE EMPIRE.

AWARD OF ROYAL SANITARY INSTITUTE SHIELD.

THE Royal Sanitary Institute announce the result of the competition for the "Bostock Hill Memorial" Shield, 1935.

This shield is offered annually for the best celebration of Health Week in the Empire outside the British Isles, as a memorial to the late Professor A. Bostock Hill, for many years Chairman of the Empire Health Week Committee of the Royal Sanitary Institute.

The Shield has been awarded for the Health Week and Exhibition held in Rangoon in 1935, which was organized by the Burma Branch of the Indian Red Cross Society.

Among the other entrants, the adjudicators considered that the celebration of Empire Health Week in Lagos, Nigeria, was deserving of the highest commendation. They also commended the celebrations in Pretoria, Transvaal, and Port-of-Spain, Trinidad.