

called the University of Canada, as first proposed in the columns of the CANADA MEDICAL RECORD, is a consummation devoutly to be wished for. No one can doubt for a moment that a course of study extending over five years of ten months each would make a better qualified practitioner than one who has only studied during five years of six months each. In its present crowded condition it is more than ever necessary that candidates for admission to the study should be *gentlemen* who have received a liberal education, and who after admission to practice will have some little means to support them until they can honorably acquire a practice. For these reasons we are totally opposed to admitting graduates of foreign schools unless on examination they shall have reached the standard set up for our own candidates. Let the money-making corporations of Great Britain provide for the unfortunate graduates whom they are launching out by thousands without any prospects of earning a living, and let us see that we do not manufacture more than our own country can support.

BOOK NOTICES.

A B C OF THE SWEDISH SYSTEM OF EDUCATIONAL GYMNASTIC. A practical hand-book for school teachers and the home. By Hartvig Nissen. With 77 illustrations. Price 75 cents nett. Philadelphia and London: F. A. Davis, publisher, 1891.

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ON DERMATOL, A PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE FOR IODOFORM—ITS USE IN SURGICAL PRACTICE. By Charles A. Powers, M.D., Surgeon to the Out-Patient Department New York Hospital; Instructor in Surgery New York Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital. From The Medical Record, October 17, 1891.

RUPTURE OF THE CAPSULE OF BOTH LENSES, WITH OTHER DAMAGE TO THE EYE, FROM PLEURO-PNEUMONIC COUGH. By Casey A. Wood, C.M., M.D., Pathologist to the Illinois Eye and Ear Infirmary; Ophthalmic Surgeon, Alexian Hospital; Professor of Ophthalmology, Chicago Post-Graduate Medical School. Reprinted from the Montreal Medical Journal, August, 1891.

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AGE OF THE DOMESTIC ANIMALS. Being a complete treatise on the dentition of the horse, ox, sheep, hog and dog, and on the various other means of determining the age of these animals. By Rush Shippen Huidekoper, M.D.

This work presents a careful study of all that has been written on the subject from the earliest Italian writers. The author has drawn much valuable material from the ablest English, French, and German writers, and has given his own deductions and opinions, whether they agree or disagree with such investigators as Bracy Clark, Simonds (in English), Girard, Chauveau, Leyh, Le Coque, Goubaux, and Barrier (in German and French). The illustrations have been mainly taken from these authors, and it would be extremely difficult to improve upon them. There are, however, a large number of original illustrations on the horse, cattle, sheep, and pig. There are, perhaps, very few men as fully equipped and as thoroughly qualified as Dr. Huidekoper for giving to those interested in the subject a work so complete and trustworthy as this one.

HANDBOOK OF MATERIA MEDICA, PHARMACY, AND THERAPEUTICS, including the physiological action of drugs, the special therapeutics of disease, official and practical pharmacy, and minute directions for prescription writing, with thumb index in each copy, including over 600 formulæ. By Sam'l O. L. Potter, A.M., M.D. (Jeff'n), M. R. C. P. (Lond.), Professor of the Theory and Practice of Medicine in the Cooper Medical College of San Francisco; author of "Quiz-Compend's" of Anatomy and Materia Medica, "An Index of Comparative Therapeutics," and "A Study of Speech and its Defects." Late A. A. Surgeon, U. S. Army, and Brigade-Surgeon, N. G. of California. Third edition. Revised. Price \$4 cloth; \$5 in full leather. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston, Son & Co., 1012 Walnut Street, 1891.

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