

BOOK NOTICES.

"*The Blood and Breath.*" A system of exercise for the Lungs and Limbs. By J. S. FROBISHER. New York; Goodyear's Rubber Curler Co., 697 Broadway.

"*Principles of Human Physiology.*" By WILLIAM B. CARPENTER, M.D., F.R.S., etc. Edited by Henry Power, M.B., London, F.R.C.S. A new American, from the 8th English edition, with notes and additions. By Francis G. Smith. M. D., Philadelphia: Henry C. Lea, 1876. Toronto: Hart and Rawlinson.

An American edition, by F. G. SMITH, M.D., of Philadelphia, of Dr. Carpenter's celebrated treatise on the "*Principles of Human Physiology*" is, by the politeness of the American publisher, H. C. Lea, before us.

The work is from the eighth English edition, edited by H. Power, M.B., and contains notes and additions by the American editor.

It would be impossible for us to speak in terms too exalted of a work which has received, with each succeeding edition, the highest encomiums of the Medical profession.

This, the eighth edition, is an advance upon the previous one, and embodies the principal results of Physiological study which have been achieved up to the present time.

To the Lecturer upon the Institutes of Medicine, Dr. Carpenter's great work, both on account of the elegance of its diction and the clearness of its description, together with the beauty and perfect accuracy of the illustrations, must prove of inestimable value.

The American edition offers, at a much less price to the Canadian student, all the advantages of the English edition.

We feel confident that those of our professional brethren who are anxious to possess a clear account of the great progress which has been made up to the present time, in all the various departments of Physiological study, will, upon careful perusal of the present work, agree with us in pronouncing it to be the most complete extant in the English language upon the subject of Human Physiology.

Communications.

MONTREAL, Jan. 10th, 1877.

To the Editor of the CANADIAN JOURNAL OF MEDICAL SCIENCE.

DEAR SIR,—Will you please inform me, through the columns of your estimable journal, whether a medical man, who, though a graduate of a recognized Canadian University, is not a member of the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons, can legally hold, or be appointed (in Ontario) to, such positions as Coroner for county or city, or paid surgeon, resident or otherwise, to hospitals or other institutions receiving government aid, and whether the possession of English licences, as M.R.C.S. or L.R.C.P., without membership of the Ontario College, qualifies him for the positions above mentioned.

As I have not a copy of the Ontario Medical Act and its amendments, information on the subject would confer a favour on a constant reader.

Yours, very truly,

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Section 37 of the Medical Act reads: "No person shall be appointed as medical officer, physician or surgeon in any branch of the public service of the Province of Ontario, or in any hospital or other charitable institution not supported wholly by voluntary contributions, unless he is registered under the provisions of this Act." Only those in practice before 1850, or duly qualified before July 23rd, 1870, can register without passing the examination before the board of examiners.—ED.

JOURNALISTIC.—We hear that the *Detroit Review of Medicine* and *The Peninsular Journal of Medicine*, published in Detroit, are about to amalgamate. Among the new journals for 1877 are announced the *Toledo Medical and Surgical Journal*, published in Toledo. A *Monthly Digest of Current Literature in Medicine, Surgery, and Obstetrics*, published in Mount Vernon, Indiana. *The Quarterly Journal of Inebriety*, published at Binghampton, N. Y., under the auspices of the American Association for the cure of Inebriates. We have received the first number of the latter and like its appearance and contents. We wish it a success equal to the importance of the subject.