

REVIEWS AND BIBLIOGRAPHICAL NOTICES.

On the Fallacies of Homeopathy, and the imperfect statistical enquiries on which the results of that practice are estimated. BY C. H. F. ROUTH, M. D., M. R. C. S.

As the empirical practice called Homeopathy is now being introduced into some of the larger cities of Canada, we deem it our duty to lay before our readers the more important portions of recently published works, written in exposure of the fallacies of this specious system of medicine, as they come to hand.

It is true, indeed, that the regular profession of this Province have little cause, from present appearances, to apprehend any wide spread adoption by the people, of the absurdities of globulism. Canada, although geographically in juxtaposition to a country where hydra-headed Quackery reigns rampant, and rapidly multiplies its heads even without excision of a previously existing one ; where homeopathy, soon after its first promulgation, found a sure footing ; and where Homeopathic Colleges yearly send forth numbers of manufactured globulists to dispense sugar of milk pilules to every willing dupe, can boast of but four homeopathic practitioners. This, we take it, is highly creditable to the sound common sense of the community ; for, if adequate encouragement were given by the people to the system, there is not the slightest doubt but that, long ere this, homeopathic practitioners would have been as “ plenty as blackberries.”

It is a fact worthy of honourable mention, that out of a profession numbering upwards of eight hundred members in this Province, two only have been induced to place themselves beyond the recognition of the regular practitioner, by throwing up legitimate medicine and adopting this branch of irregular practice, and they had not obtained, nor were they likely ever to obtain, a position, of even respectable mediocrity, in the legitimate practice of medicine. How far the following remarks, taken from an able review of Homeopathy in the last number of the *British and Foreign Medico-Chirurgical Review*, are applicable to those two, we leave practitioners of older standing, and of longer residence in this city than ourselves to judge. “ They are not to us disinterested enquirers after truth, patient endurors of unmerited contumely, followers of a faith which the dictates of a deep conscientious conviction required them to adopt. They are rather men who follow their profession, and who suffer their pseudo-martyrdom for no higher or holier motive than the need to make money. Their motto is “ REM.” No sophistry, however elabo-