

and its appreciation by physicians could be shown, than, that this is its eighteenth year of publication. Its contents are an Almanac, Table of Signs, Marshall Hall's Ready Method, Poisons and Antidotes, Table for calculating the period of Utero Gestation, blank leaves for Visiting List, Monthly Memoranda, Addresses of Patients and Nurses, Accounts asked for, Memoranda of Events, Obstetric Engagements, Vaccination Engagements, Record of Births, Deaths, etc. To be had at the bookstores.

**OUTLINES OF PHYSIOLOGY, HUMAN AND COMPARATIVE.** By JOHN MARSHALL, F.R.S., Professor of Surgery in University College, London; Surgeon to the University College Hospital; with additions, by FRANCIS G. SMITH, M.D., Professor of Institutes of Medicine in the University of Pennsylvania. Henry C. Lea, Publishers, Philadelphia.

This work, upon its first appearance in England, received the unqualified approbation of the medical press; and it is impossible, from want of space, to give it that notice which it certainly merits, but we shall proceed to point out, in as brief a manner as possible, the peculiarities of this really splendid work, on this special branch of medical science, as a text-book for the student or a work of reference for the practitioner, it is unequalled. It treats of Physiology in a wider reference to comparative Anatomy, Chemistry, and Physics, than most works on the subject. The author commences with the anatomy of the human body, in a very instructive and concise manner, then branches off to the physiology of the living body, explaining the vital properties of the different tissues, with a general view of the animal functions, showing the relations of man with external nature, and under the head of special Physiology passes in detail, examining minutely and comparatively the functions of Sensation, Digestion, Absorption, Circulation, Nutrition, Sanguification, Secretion, Excretion, Respiration, Animal Heat, Light, and Electricity. Then, under the head of Statics and Dynamics, treats of the specific gravity, height and weight of the human body, daily quantity of food consumed, its composition and relation to the constituents of the body and destination. Measure of heat, quantities of heat developed, daily heat compared with the quantity of carbon and hydrogen oxidized, mechanical work of the body, relation of the different kinds of food to the modes of work, the value of food as a motive power, &c.; and, finally, with reproduction and development. It contains all the modern improvements, with a full detail of the latest experiments and progress in this branch of medical science. In conclusion, we can only say, that it is well worth the attention of the Profession; every medical man

should have it as a work for reference, and every student of medicine will find it the most complete of any ever issued upon the subject. The American edition is issued in one complete volume, containing one thousand pages, beautifully illustrated, and well bound.

## Correspondence.

Do the Public require the Standard of Medical Education raised?

The Editor of the Dominion Medical Journal.

SIR:—I beg to enclose the following original "Receipt for the Piles." I have copied it *verbatim et litteratim*, for the benefit of sufferers, to the members of the Medical profession. I saw the original on a Druggist's counter.

The gentleman for whose relief it was intended is a clever, shrewd business man, and has acquired a fair education.

I enclose my card, and am,

Sir,

Yours, &c.,

QUACK.

Nov. 27, 1868.

This is the Rect of the poders :

Jolop, .....	1 oz.
Sena.....	1 1/2 oz.
Cream Tart.....	1 oz.
Nit Pattason .....	2 dr.
Golden sear.....	1 oz.

tak one stepon of the Poder an one stepone of shuger into a half cup of bowling water an let it stan gein it get cold, take it four Days an Running an then every other Day gin dun, use the saif every Day so long as those Poders sten Put the Poder in to Dry bottle an cep it in a Dry Place if you shud fell them commacing on anny time the saif will de keep yourself reglar if you shud want any mor saif any time Right an i will make it for you Plear not leve no one have this Recet for it cost me five Dollars, but as tisa yourself you air volking as you air good to my Dottor and Misses when she came Done to

for Mr.

Recet for the Piles.

We note the following letter from Prof. W. H. Taylor to the Cincinnati *Lancet and Observer*, written from Berlin :

"In passing through the Male Surgical Department of the Hospital, a few days since, I noticed some points which may be of interest to you.

It is isolated from all others, and is surrounded by a large park to which the patients have free access. There are four buildings, connected by open corridors. One of the houses contains several wards, in which, as is commonly the case in the older institutions here, but little attention has been paid to ventilation; the other buildings are of more recent construction, one of them bearing a close resemblance in external appearance and internal arrangement to our Pavilion Military Hospital; it contains one large, light, well-ventilated ward, and small room for special cases; but perfect