

Our College.

A correspondent in our last issue criticizes the College in relation specially to its "Museum." The responsible officers are not in the least thin-skinned, and will, we are sure, not object to fair criticism. But it strikes us that they might turn the tables and criticize their profession, and especially their former students. The provision is made for a museum, but it is the business of the profession to furnish it. The fact is, we want more patriotic interest in the College.

Reviews.

A TEXT-BOOK OF ANIMAL PHYSIOLOGY, WITH INTRODUCTORY CHAPTERS ON GENERAL BIOLOGY, AND A FULL TREATMENT OF REPRODUCTION. By Wesley Mills, M.A., M.D., L.R.C.P. (Eng.), Professor of Physiology in McGill University; over 500 illustrations; New York: D. Appleton & Co., 1889; Montreal: E. M. Renouf. Professor Mills fully realized that in succeeding to the chair in McGill, vacated by Dr. Osler, he had a difficult task before him. No man could possibly put more enthusiasm and solid sincerity into his specialty than Dr. Mills brought to bear to secure the confidence of a critical Faculty and the respect of intelligent students. The result of his love-labour is seen, not only in the valuable work before us, but in an unremitting devotion, day by day, to concentrated investigation and research.

It is much easier for a full and enthusiastic teacher to amplify than to condense, and it will be gratifying to the busy practitioner, as well as the student, that Prof. Mills has wisely put his subject in a succinct, as well as interesting manner, that tempts one to read all when beginning to read any. His work improves upon other physiological works by being founded on the comparative method. It introduces biological science, and ventures into some of the most fascinating avenues of scientific study. It does not play with facts by the light of fancy, but it embellishes known facts by literary polish and excellent illustrations. The illustrations alone are worth double the price of the book. It bears out the author's reputation for original research, and it defers to recognized and recent knowledge. Among modern contributors to original research the author must be classed; and one of the chief features of this work is the certainty that it will revive among practitioners who have perhaps abandoned any full reading on physiology, an interest in the