

London, has not merely a European but a universal reputation for his highly scientific and most laborious researches in the minute anatomy of sclerous tissues. He has devoted himself in an especial manner to the thorough elucidation of the structure of bone and teeth, and has enriched posterity with the results he has arrived at by his investigations. The works which the above heading accredits him with the authorship of, are enduring witnesses of his genius and acquirements. Any one alone would have been sufficient to establish his fame and skill. The treatise on Odontography, extended over 656 pages of royal 8vo, and illustrated by 169 plates, contains an elaborate description of the comparative anatomy of the teeth in the vertebrate animals, in which is more especially given a complete account of the structure and formation of these important organs. Previous to its publication, but little was understood of the varieties of structure that presented themselves in different classes of creation, and less was positively known in regard to the most important point in the development of teeth, viz., the origin and mode of formation of dentine or ivory, subjects upon which there is now a clear and full amount of knowledge, owing to the circulation of this book and others grounded upon or taken from it. The treatise entitled "*Archetype of the Skeleton*" was one of the same character and merit as the preceding. It is of these two illustrious works that the one for which we have to thank Messrs. Blanchard & Lea may be considered as the introduction. They have republished it from a portion of a series now coming out in London under the name of Orr's Circle of the Sciences. It will be found to be, unpretending though it appear, not unworthy of its learned writer, and our readers who, from more pressing duties, have not time to go into the more ponderous tomes, and yet would like to know something of the subject, will find this just what they desire.

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XVI.—*Healthy Skin*; a popular treatise on the Skin and Hair; their preservation and management. By ERASMUS WILSON, F.R.S., Author of "*A treatise on Diseases of the Skin*;" "*A system of Human Anatomy*," &c. Second American, from the fourth and revised London edition. With illustrations. Philadelphia: Blanchard & Lea. Montreal: B. Dawson. 1854. Pp. 285. 5s.

One of the chief objects desired by the publication of the little treatise to which the above heading belongs, is the inculcation of the necessity of a due attention to the skin and its appendages. The importance of cleanliness as a point in hygiene, has been long recognized and insisted