

wholly American is an excellent one by Busey, on Injuries and Diseases of the Absorbent System; but the American editors have made this publication, as a whole, as much better than the English original, as Lea's half Russia binding and beautiful typography is superior to the old English cloth edition.

*Essentials of the Principles and Practice of Medicine.* By HENRY HARTSHORN, A.M., M.D., Professor of Hygiene and Diseases of Children, Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania. Editor of the American Edition of *Reynold's System of Medicine*. Philadelphia: Henry C. Lea's, Son & Co. Toronto: Hart & Co.

This is pre-eminently a *multum in parvo*, and belongs to a class of works which we dislike, but which continues to be published notwithstanding our urgent remonstrances. "Hartshorn's Essentials," is, however, a very popular book, with both students and members of the profession, and we must acknowledge that it would be a very difficult matter to give so much practical and scientific information respecting the broad subject of medicine within a small space in a more pleasant and useful style than is presented to us in this book. This is the fifth edition, the fourth having been published in 1874, and is quite up to the times in every particular. We have in the 600 pages a fair amount of general pathology, general principles, general therapeutics, and when we come to what our author calls special pathology and practice, nothing appears to be omitted. As a brief and concise compend of the principles and practice of Medicine we know not its equal, and we have no doubt it will be highly appreciated by a fair proportion of both students and active practitioners.

*A Text Book on Physiology.* By M. FOSTER, M.A., M.D., F.R.S., Prelector in Physiology and Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge. Second American Edition from the third and revised English Edition. Philadelphia: Henry C. Lea's Son & Co. Toronto: Hart & Co.

As our readers will probably remember the first American Edition was published in 1880 from the third English Edition. This was exhausted in the short space of one year, princi-

pally through its sale in the United States. Although it has not been adopted in Canadian Schools so generally as we would like, still we are pleased to notice that increased interest is being taken in the work, and we hope soon to see it in the hands of all our students who have any ambition to gain a good knowledge of scientific physiology. This second American Edition is from the same English Edition as the first, and the additions and changes made by the American Editor are so trifling as to be unworthy of special mention. No new plates have been added, but a few have been changed, and, we are glad say, much improved. In our somewhat extended review of the first edition it was our pleasure to express a very favourable opinion, and since then we have certainly not changed our views. If we could add anything to impress on our readers the high character of the work, we would gladly do so; but will simply say without any reservation, that we believe it to be the best text-book on physiology in existence for the general use of advanced students and practitioners.

### Meetings of Medical Societies.

#### HURON MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the Huron Medical Association was held in Clinton, on Tuesday, January 10th. Dr. Sloan, of Blyth, President, in the chair. The following members were present: Drs. Sloan, Holmes, Worthington, Hyndman, Williams, Bethune, Graham, Young, Taylor, Mackid, Duncan, Hurlburt, and Stewart.

Dr. W. J. R. Holmes, of Brussels, was elected President for the ensuing year, and Dr. Hurlburt, Vice-President. Dr. Stewart was re-elected, Secretary.

The Association decided to subscribe for one copy of the "Index Medicus."

Dr. Mackid, of Lucknow, exhibited a married man, aged 43, farmer, who has been complaining for the last 3 years of severe pains in various parts of his body, principally on the left side. These pains are continuous for hours. He also complains of pains of a "lightning-like" character confined to the