

6th.—Going on satisfactorily ; able to walk about the house and enjoy food with some relish. During all this period active antiphlogistic treatment has not been lost sight of.

10th.—Continues improving daily ; pulse perfectly regular ; rests well at night.

After this period nothing of consequence transpired, and on the 16th May I considered him convalescent. His memory improves slowly. Dimensions of stick : thickness, half an inch ; breadth, $\frac{1}{2}$ of an inch ; length of piece entering, three inches.

Ottawa City, May 28, 1855.

REVIEWS AND BIBLIOGRAPHICAL NOTICES.

IV.—*The ear in health and disease with practical remarks on the prevention and treatment of deafness.* Illustrated by many fine wood engravings. By WM. HARVEY, F. R. C. S., Surgeon to the Royal Dispensary for diseases of the ear. London, Henry Renshaw, 1854, pp. 236. From the author through Dr. Gibb of London.

The first 15 pages of this work contain an anatomical account of the ear and the remainder is devoted to the pathology of this organ with the treatment of its diseases. The description of the first portion is simplified of much of its complexity and still rendered sufficiently minute for practical purposes. It seems to us a great mistake, into which writers too often fall, of taking up a disproportionately large share of their productions with subjects of minor importance or with those holding a secondary place. This generally leads to the exclusion of a large amount of useful matter from the after parts and which from the title of the work we are led to look for, the author has therefore in the present instance, by his moderation, exhibited a better taste and more acute discernment than many others who have gone before him into the arena of literary distinction. The arrangement of the remainder is also very appropriate—and the diseases of the different compartments of the organ of hearing are considered consecutively in proper order—those of a general character beginning and those of a more circumscribed following :—Commencing with deafness, the affections of the auricle are entered upon, then succeed those of the meatus, tympanum, middle ear, and labyrinth, and lastly a chapter is devoted to deaf mutism.