

aware of this, has signified his intention to discuss them fully in his next edition.

We conceive that praise or recommendation of a book so well and favorably known as Taylor's Medical Jurisprudence, would be superfluous, and shall therefore only observe that as every Canadian student should have a copy of it, he would do well, before purchasing, to select this edition, for Dr. Hartshorne has not only retained the valuable notes of the late Dr. R. E. Griffith, who preceded him as the American editor, but has incorporated with them such further facts and cases of importance as have fallen under his special notice.

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V.—*Homœopathy: its tenets and tendencies, theoretical, theological, and therapeutical.* By JAMES Y. SIMPSON, M.D., F.R.S.E., Professor of Midwifery, University of Edinburgh, and Physician-Accoucheur to the Queen &c. Scotland, &c. &c. Pp. 292. Edinburgh: Sutherland & Knox.

The subject of homœopathy has been brought so frequently before the profession in Canada during the last two years, we do not purpose to dwell at any length upon this, the latest work which has issued from the English press, directed against the absurdities of the system of infinitesimals. If we thought that by much writing we might alter the opinions of some one or two, who have embraced (in good faith, we believe,) the erroneous views propounded by Hahnemann and his successors, we would address ourselves to the task with a will; but every day's experience strengthens our conviction of the truth expressed by an old author, viz.: "Every singular opinion hath a singular opinion of itself; and he that holds it, a singular opinion of himself, and a simple opinion of all contra-sentients: he that confutes them, must confute all three at once, or else he does nothing." And we heartily agree with the same quaint writer, that—"it is a most toylsome task to run the wild-goose chase after a well-breath'd opinionist; they delight in vitiligation; it is an itch that loves a life to Le scrubb'd; they desire not satisfaction but satisdiction, whereof themselves must be judges."

There is one thing, however, which we would chronicle for the information of our readers—THE DECLINE OF HOMŒOPATHY. In the mental as in the material world, violent disturbances of ordinary or natural states cannot exist beyond a definite period. Obstructive or opposing forces start up, which either present a barrier to their further progress, or produce their rapid subsidence by a vigorous counter-action. The rapid rise, turbulent progress, and gradual decline of new opinions find their analogies in nature. The surface of a portion of the ocean is smooth