

whilst the moon seemed to shine her loveliest for the occasion. The drive up the long avenue of lofty spreading trees, hung with lamps, was very pretty; but when sauntering by rustic steps, paths, and bridges, down the slope, across the stream and round the little lake, in which were reflected the house, conservatory, and innumerable coloured lights—whilst the sounds of distant music, mingled with the plashing of the water came floating in the air—one could almost imagine oneself back amid the fairy tales of years gone by. From this, however, we were soon awakened by a noble appeal to the sympathies of the inner man; and this and other like pleasing duties being gone through with, we took our leave after spending an extremely pleasant evening.

PASS AND PLUCK.

We cull a few items of interest to Canadian medicees from the Report (*Med. Times and Gazette*) of the Court and Board of Examiners of the Royal College of Surgeons, England, for the year 1875-76, showing the number who have passed and have been rejected from the various medical schools during that period:—

Primary Examinations.				
Medical School.	Totals.	Number passed.	Number plucked.	Percentage of rejections.
St. Bartholomew's.....	98	73	25	1 in 3.96
Guy's.....	87.50	60	27.50	" 3.18
University College.....	78.60	45	33.60	" 2.34
St. Thomas's.....	57.50	35.50	22	" 2.61
London.....	48.66	20	28.66	" 1.70
St. George's.....	33.00	20	13	" 2.53
Edinburgh.....	19.66	13	6.66	" 3.05
Dublin.....	11.33	6.66	5.50	" 2.15
Toronto.....	8.60	7.60	1	" 8.50
Glasgow.....	5.50	3.50	2	" 2.75
Montreal.....	3	3	—	" 0.00
New York.....	2.50	—	2.50	" 1.00
Pass Examinations.				
University College.....	78.91	66.58	12.33	1 in 6.39
Guy's.....	77	69	18	" 4.37
St. Bartholomew's.....	63.75	49.75	14	" 4.53
St. Thomas's.....	41.41	35.58	5.83	" 5.10
St. George's.....	27.60	22	5.60	" 5.00
London.....	21.60	16.50	5	" 4.30
Edinburgh.....	17.50	14	3.50	" 5.00
Dublin.....	5	2	3	" 1.66
Toronto.....	4.66	2.83	1.83	" 2.54
Glasgow.....	3	1	2	" 1.50
Montreal.....	1.33	1.33	0.00	" 0.00
New York.....	.50	.50	0.00	" 0.00
From 31 Schools, Primary Examinations. Totals.	700	443	257	1 in 2.72
From 33 Schools, Pass Examinations. Totals.	408	377	121	" 4.11
From Canadian Schools, Primary Examinations. Totals.	—	—	—	" 11.50
From Canadian Schools, Pass Examinations.....	—	—	—	" 3.37

An exhibit of which we have no reason to be ashamed.

Book Notices.

Medical and Surgical Memoirs, 1855-76. By JOSEPH JONES, M.D., Prof. of Chemistry and Clinical Medicine, University of Louisiana. Vol. i.

This volume "relates chiefly to diseases which are confined more or less to special anatomical divisions of the human body, as the nervous, circulatory, respiratory, and osseous systems," and exhibits on the part of its author a most indefatigable zeal in research and collection of material, and does really contain a large amount of useful, interesting, and amusing matter, with a great deal that does not appear very relevant to the subjects treated of, but all mixed up in the same chapter in such a way as to constitute a most delightful medley.

The chapter devoted to "investigations on the nature, causes, relations, and treatment of traumatic tetanus," consists of 266 pages, and embraces a full account of *all that has ever been written on that subject*, a pretty full account of the various theories of epilepsy that have heretofore prevailed throughout the world, long reports of cases of insanity, an account of Sir Humphrey Davy's cure of paralysis by the thermometer bulb under the tongue, Prof. Woodhouse's experiment of producing all the effects of nitrous oxide by the administration of pure air, besides reports of cases of paralysis and syphilitic lesions of the brain, with nearly six pages of very small type, embracing an account of witchcraft as it existed in the West Indies prior to 1760, and an account of Perkinism and other delusions, most of which were to be found in Dunglison's *Therapeutics* twenty years ago, but which, as far as we can see, have no very obvious relation to "traumatic tetanus."

The author has utilized the material furnished by the civil and military hospitals of the South during the late civil war, and has, no doubt, produced a work that will prove of service to the profession there.

His chapter on Spinal Meningitis, which appears to have been rather prevalent in the Confederate army, as well as on the plantations, is very interesting, both in regard to the general history, and the *post mortem* appearances of the disease. The author gives a synopsis of the