

"I cannot forego the pleasure of bearing testimony to the excellence of the book, which is in many respects superior to any yet published on this side of the water. Some of the views advanced in reference to the processes involved in inflammation, as well as the reasoning based upon them, have the merit of originality. Whatever else may be said of them, it cannot be denied that they are very ingenious. The careful reader cannot fail to be impressed with the conviction that the author of the work is a profound student and a close observer. His love of the subject, as evinced in the enthusiasm which glows on almost every page, gives promise that in succeeding editions he will supply what is wanting, and thus render year by year the work more and more complete and valuable."

But I fear I have encroached too much upon your space. I must say that I felt a great unwillingness to thus obtrude my own work upon your attention. I trust, however, that the reasons given above will be deemed sufficient. I repeat I do not complain of your notice of my work, for it is written in the kindest spirit, and has bestowed no little credit. I only desire to indicate, what was no doubt an oversight, wherein there is, according to my own knowledge of surgical writers, to be found something original.

W. C.

Belleville, 26th November, 1866.

REVIEWS AND NOTICES OF BOOKS.

Orthopedics: A Systematic Treatise upon the Prevention and Correction of Deformities. By DAVID PRINCE, M.D., Svo. pp. 240, Philadelphia: Lindsay and Blakiston, 1866.

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The author discusses in the third section of the work the pathology and treatment of articular diseases. The forty-four pages devoted to the subject might have sufficed for a thoroughly competent pen to give a brief and comprehensive digest of this very interesting topic. But the author is obviously not at home in this matter, and has certainly failed to redeem his pledge (perforce) to render "the advance in knowledge on this subject, gained within the last twenty years, accessible to the mass of the profession." In fact, this section is made up of quotations from Barwell's treatise "On the Joints," in the style of Braithwaite's *Retro-spect*, with a few insignificant comments. This is certainly a very com-modious way of book-writing, though of questionable literary value, and