at the present time, (except as to the necessity of the transmission of the impulse to the solar plexus, which we take leave to doubt,) and which it scarcely required two hundred octavo pages to establish.

This abridgment but slightly justifies what we have said of the discursive character of the book; however, if our readers are inclined to judge for themselves, we venture to predict that they will derive some amusement if not much instruction from the treatise. The conclusion, however, is too rich to be overlooked. What will the following subjects think of their fellowship?—"Moral and Physical Treatment of the Mental Emotions arising from Diseased Sensibility—Early Moral Training and its advantages—Physical Treatment—The salutary influence which gymnastic exercises exert on the Intellectual and Moral powers—Pernicious effects of Boarding-school Physical Education—Gymnastics recommended by Herodiscus, Hippocrates, Galen, Celsus, Sanctorius, Van Swieten, *Macartney*—Cultivation of Gymnastic Education in Paris—Gymnasium of MM. Pravaz and Jules Guerin."

One word to the author of the work we have been so freely criticising. Let him choose for his next attempt a better subject; let him cultivate precision of language, and closeness of thought; and discard or sparingly use the flowery ornaments which garnish his present composition. Then if the desire of authorship should still be strong within him, he may stand a chance of attaining at least a respectable station as a writer, and may please others besides the superficial and trivial-minded, to whom alone, we fear, his present work will recommend him.

ART. XI.—*Elements of Medical Jurisprudence*. By T. R. BECK, M.D., and J. B. BECK, M.D. *Sixth Edition*. In Two Vols.—*Philadelphia*, 1838. 8vo, pp. 670, 743.

THIS work has been so long before the profession, and has justly acquired so high a character, in Europe as well as in America, that it may seem superfluous to notice it. We are, however, desirous of calling the attention of our younger readers to the best and most complete treatise which is anywhere to be found on this important department of medical science; and we are, at the same time, glad of the opportunity of offering our tribute of respect to the learned and estimable physicians who are its authors. When Mr. Taylor's "*Elements*" is completed, and we earnestly desire to see the publication of the second volume, the English student will have a work, on a smaller scale, and on a somewhat better plan, which will meet all his wants; but, in the meantime, we earnestly recommend the treatise before us, the present edition of which (the sixth) contains considerable amendments, and many important additions, particularly in the part relating to Persons Found Dead.