

CRITICAL NOTICES OF "THE PHYSICIAN'S HOLIDAY."

THE SPECTATOR.

"Those who contemplate a thorough or a partial tour through Switzerland will find 'The Physician's Holiday' very useful. Dr. Forbes gives some good general advice to the tourist, economical, hygienic, viatorial; he carries him through good ways, by good modes of locomotion, to good inns; he shows him the best out-of-door sights, and takes him out of the high road to places less known, while he will stimulate the lazy or sauntering traveller by precept and example. The reader who travels in his arm-chair will glean amusement and information from Dr. Forbes."—*May 19, 1849.*

THE LITERARY GAZETTE.

"This volume resembles one of the nice little *entrées* of a well-cooked dinner. It does not belong to the solid *pièces de résistance*, but is a slight confection, pleasant to the taste and easy of digestion. You play or toy with it, more as it were to pass the time than to be stomachached as food; though there is nourishment in it too, and the *utile* combines to a certain extent with the *dulce*. Those readers who have not been so dreadfully hackneyed with tours and travels as we have been, will relish it the more; and we recommend it to all projected voyagers up the Rhine, and idlers among the mountains and lakes of Switzerland."—*May 19, 1849.*

JOHN BULL.

"With this we must close our extracts from this exceedingly attractive volume, which will be read with equal interest by those who have not had the opportunity of visiting the country which it so graphically describes, and by those who, being, like ourselves, familiar with the scenes portrayed by the author, will feel no ordinary delight in refreshing their recollections of former enjoyment in the company of one as accomplished as our author in the art both of travelling and of recording his travels."—*May 19.*

THE ATHENÆUM.

"Dashing along at a rate which may be expressed by the fact that he ascended the Breven and explored the Montanvert on the same day, he puts down his impressions with the ease of a man who wrote as he ran. He has not himself asked us to expect any Alpine Eothen,—or even Bubbles from its Brunness;—but his doings are pleasantly recorded. In the words of old Burton, 'he took great content and exceeding delight in his journey;' and the value of his book lies in showing how much may be done in one short month if the tourist is blessed with the *mens sana in corpore sano*,—and how much enjoyment may be derived from such a tour as occupied the 'Physician's Holiday.'"—*May 26, 1849.*

THE ECONOMIST.

"As a safe, quiet, and steady guide and companion through Switzerland, Dr. Forbes will be taken by every tourist; and after they have read and studied many guide books and books of travels in Switzerland, they will still find something fresh in this new Diary of an amiable Physician."—*May 26, 1849.*

THE MORNING HERALD.

"Dr. Forbes is an accomplished and observant traveller, at once amusing and instructive, and we have had much pleasure in accompanying him again over ground with which we were previously familiar. . . . There is an air of freshness and originality in his observations which invest them with a new charm, and we discover much that assumes a new interest when viewed through the medium of his vigorous and poetic delineations. Although possessing few of the characteristics of a hand-book, as the actual record of a pleasure tour, in which all the difficulties and facilities that were encountered by the party are fairly and honestly set down, we know of no book which we should more honestly recommend."—*May 28.*

MEDICAL TIMES.

"Everything in the book, as with the author's host at the village of St. Nicolas, is 'natural, simple, and true;' and the author retains his individuality throughout. And a very pleasant individuality it is. The most malignant critic will not be able to find an ill-natured sentence in the whole book, though it abounds in playful touches of humour, and indicates a keen observance of men and manners. The illustrations are pleasing, and free from exaggeration; and the book, independently of its other attractions, is an excellent guide to the scenes of which it treats."—*June 16, 1849.*

SCOTSMAN.

"Dr. Forbes is well known to the public as the talented Editor of the late 'British and Foreign Medical Review,' and we now congratulate him on his eminent success in a lighter department of literature. In the work before us he has come out as an instructive and at the same time a joyous, enterprising, and entertaining tourist. He makes us