

medical science, and will, therefore, be found exceedingly useful to those whose time is too much occupied to enable them to read up the recent and more elaborate works on medicine.

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The Functions and disorders of the Reproductive Organs in Childhood, youth, adult age, and advanced life, considered in their physiological, social and moral relations. By William Acton, M.R.C.S., etc., etc. Third American, from the fifth London edition. Philadelphia: Lindsay & Blakiston, 1871. Toronto: Copp, Clark & Co. Price \$3.

Mr. Acton has performed a most valuable service to society in the production of this little work. It is a clear and concise epitome of the whole subject, and were its contents more familiar to parents, teachers, etc., society would be better protected against many of the evils which arise from ignorance and abuse of the functions of generation. The author handles without gloves all *pseudo*-medical sensational works, quackery, and those indecent advertisements which are a curse to the community in which they circulate. The work has been thoroughly revised and re-written, and does credit alike to the author and publisher.

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A "SOLLY MEMORIAL" has already made good progress, more than £300 having been subscribed in memory of that amiable surgeon. A scholarship and a bust are talked of.

APPOINTMENT.—Thomas White, Jr., of the City of Hamilton, Esquire, M.D., to be an Associate Coroner within and for the County of Wentworth.

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A PRESERVATIVE FOR SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS.—Mr. Spiller, the eminent chemist, contributes to the *Photographic News* a paper on nickel-plating. He suggests the universal application of this process to all steel instruments and declares it is a perfect and lasting preservative against rust and corrosion. He caused a regulation sword to be so plated and has ascertained that it is perfectly secured against rusting in wet weather, and easily kept in condition by simply wiping it with washleather. A small bar of steel similarly coated has been repeatedly immersed in water for hours together, and even immersed for days, without in the least tarnishing its surface. There is no direction in which this invention will be as applicable as to surgical instruments.—*Medical Press and Circular*.