

MEDICINE DURING THE VICTORIAN ERA.

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THE editor of *The Practitioner* (Mr. Malcolm Morris), with the assistance of a number of contributors, including Dr. Samuel Wilks, Sir Dyer Duckworth, Sir William Broadbent, Bart., Sir James Crichton-Browne, Mr. Frederick Treves, Mr. Watson Cheyne, Dr. F. H. Champneys, Mr. Henry Power, and other equally distinguished physicians and surgeons, has prepared a special issue for June, entitled "Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee Special Commemoration Number," which contains a most interesting abstract of the advances made in all departments of medicine during the sixty years of Her Majesty's reign. A series of articles are published on the following subjects: Medicine Fifty Years ago, Progress of Medicine, Psychological Medicine, Progress of Surgery, Wound Treatment, Midwifery and Gynæcology, Special Branches of Medicine and Surgery, Pathology, Bacteriology, Therapeutics, Preventive Medicine, and Nursing. It also gives particulars as to the Court Physicians and Surgeons during this period.

We publish in this number of THE CANADIAN PRACTITIONER, as a separate article, the editorial comments on this remarkable era, as far as the broad subject of medicine is concerned, written in that bright and charming style which has characterized the editorial columns since Mr. Morris assumed control of this great English monthly journal. We also publish other extracts and abstracts which will be found interesting. It is impossible to properly epitomize such articles as those of Duckworth, Broadbent, Treves, Watson Cheyne, Hamilton, Woodhead, and others. We can only say that they are such as we would naturally expect from such bright and shining lights in the mother country, and are well worthy of careful study on the part of those who have an opportunity of reading them.

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UPPER CANADA DURING THE QUEEN'S REIGN.

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THE governing body in medical matters when Her Majesty ascended the throne, was the Upper Canada Medical Board, which was established in 1819. It was the duty of this Board to examine all candidates for license, and to grant certificates to those found qualified to practise, whereupon "the governor, or person administering the government," granted the licenses. The members of the Board in 1837 were Drs. Widmer, Baldwin, Grant, Powell, Horne, Sampson, Deihl, King, Rolph, Ridley, Stratford, Duncombe, Hanley, Lathain, Winder, O'Brien, and Morrison. There