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The contributors to this volume are four in number, viz., Drs, W. B. Coley, John G. Clarke, Alfred Stengel and Edward Jackson, who have each brought their department up to date. The work is one which should be found on the table of every practitioner who desires to keep himself posted on the rapid progress which medical science is making at this time. We have found the selections on the Surgery of the Stomach and intestines of especial interest, bringing the subjects up to date in a remarkably clear and lucid manner. The article on appendicitis is of great value, giving as it does the views held by Richardson and Brewster (*Boston Medical and Surgical Journal*) on the all-important question of immediate operation in acute cases, or preferably operating in the quiescent stage. As their opinion is based on 756 cases, it must carry great weight, and is a valuable contribution to the literature of appendicitis.

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LITERARY NOTES.

Dr. Arabella Kenealy's "Rejoinder" to Mrs. Ormiston Chant in the discussion of "Woman as an Athlete" in *The Living Age* for July 22 is not only interesting as a bit of keen writing, but it communicates important physiological facts, which, if generally understood, are at least very widely ignored.