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A MANUAL OF DERMATOLOGY by A. R. Robinson M.D., Professor of Dermatology, New York Polyclinic. New York: Bermingham & Co. Toronto: Williamson and Co.

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TRANSACTIONS OF THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA.—Vol. XVI., 1884.

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THE INTERNATIONAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF SURGERY—A Systematic Treatise on the theory and practice of Surgery, by authors of various nations. Edited by John Ashhurst, Jr., M.D., in six volumes, vol. v. New York: Wm. Wood & Co.

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On the 9th ult. H. L. Kent, M.D., of Wallace, N.S., aged 54 years.

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On the 18th ult., Dr. Henry Hanson of London, aged 61 years.

On the 20th ult. George E. Richardson, M.D., of Chatham, Ont., aged 45 years.

On the 20th Nov., 1884, W. M. Brett, M.D., of Arkona, Ont., aged 30 years.