

this particular prisoner, seeing that several physicians on the spot differed from the conclusion arrived at by Dr. Howard, that he was insane and unaccountable. At the same time the history of the case strongly suggests epilepsy, and the intemperate habits were probably symptoms rather than causes of the low mental condition present. The absence of motive for the crime is a striking feature of the case, as well as the prisoner's indifference to the verdict pronounced upon him."

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*THE Illustrated Quarterly of Medicine and Surgery.*—We have just received the announcement and the first number of the journal bearing the above title. It is edited by Geo. Henry Fox and Fred. R. Sturgis, and is intended to contain articles upon all the departments of medicine and surgery. The great feature of the work will be the illustrations. These are of large size, and executed in the very best artistic style. Of these there are no less than twenty in the first number. We shall pay this excellent new work some attention in our next issue.

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### Obituary.

DR. KENNETH REID.—Few of our readers who were acquainted with the deceased could have read without painful emotion the announcement of the sudden death of Dr. Kenneth Reid, of New York. It is eighteen years since Dr. Reid left Montreal for a wider sphere of action, and his career in the commercial metropolis has always been watched with interest by his Canadian friends. Dr. Reid was but 42 years of age at the time of his death. He was born at Huntingdon in 1840; received his education at the Academy there, became an articled pupil of Dr. Hingston, and graduated at McGill University in 1864 with distinction. He then went to Europe, where he spent two years, devoting his time chiefly to diseases of the eye. On his return he had charge of an emigrant vessel, and his report on the health of the passengers was of a nature to attract the notice of the officer of quarantine, Dr. Swinburne, who at once offered him a position on the staff, which, with some hesitation,