

We have read many portions of the volume, and consider it a compact and reliable hand book for the student—a work quite up to the present state of medical science, and one which may be profitably consulted by the junior practitioner.

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## The Medical Chronicle.

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*Lunatic Asylums.*—We learn from the *Kingston Morning Herald*, that the working plans are in preparation for an Asylum at Kingston, which will accommodate nearly 200 patients. "The construction will be pushed on with vigor, and in all probability portions of it will be completed for occupation within the present year." This is the first intimation we have received of the intentions of Government to erect a General Lunatic Asylum. We know that Dr. J. P. Litchfield, has been appointed to superintend the erection of a building for Criminal Lunatics, and we sincerely hope that this one is not to be appropriated merely to this class. If so, it is a piece of wanton and reckless expenditure, for which Government cannot be too strongly condemned. When will Canada have 200 criminal lunatics?—never, it is to be hoped. If, however, it be intended for all classes of insane, then it is a commendable act, and in view of the great and pressing necessities of the case, ought to be pushed forward with great vigor. In Dr. Litchfield's Government has a gentleman who understands thoroughly everything relating to the management and treatment of the insane. ~

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*Useful chart.*—We have been furnished with a copy of "a chart of incompatibles and poisons, embracing the chemical theory of the former and antidotes tests, &c., appropriate to the latter. By J. W. Hoyt, M.D." We think highly of it, and would suggest our readers to obtain copies for themselves and get them mounted on rollers and hang them up in their studios.

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Communications have been received from Dr S. C. Sewell and Dr. P. Shaver, and will appear in our next.