

three-fourths of the lawyers and doctors, while the mercantile pursuits are much more profitable in spite of the modern tendency toward big combinations." Now, if this is true of Chicago, which has gone ahead during the last ten or twenty years at a greater rate than any other big city on this continent, it is ten times as true of the communities which have been making slower but steadier progress. There is a great future, either in law or medicine, for the young man of exceptional ability who is willing to devote himself entirely to his profession and combine intellect and hard work. But for the youth of average ability and industry, such as our schools turn out in large numbers year by year, there are far brighter prospects in business or the workshop. He will earn more money, have a happier life, and do more good as a successful business man or mechanic than as a medical man or lawyer whom the world has no need of.—*Montreal Gazette*.

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## Reviews

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*Gould's Pocket Medical Dictionary*, enlarged to 30,000 words and 837 pages. Fourth edition. Price, \$1.00. Philadelphia: P. Blackiston, Son & Co.

One of the best proofs of the popularity of Dr. Gould's dictionaries is found in the fact, that the circulation has passed the one hundred thousand mark, a position that could only be attained by thoroughly good books. Among other features of this handy little volume, the remarkable amount of literary material contained between its covers, the method in which the volume is printed and bound, and its price, \$1.00, are conspicuous. With the possible exception of some religious books not strictly subject to commercial laws in their production, we do not think there is as cheap a book published. The table of eponymic terms embraces the diseases, etc., named after certain persons, such as "Rigg's Disease," which is herein called "Fauchard's Disease"; "Paget's Disease"; "Osler's Phenomenon"; "Shepherd's Fracture"; "Nasmyth's Membrane," etc. It is an invaluable little companion for the pupil and the teacher: a veritable *pons asinorum*.