

## Reviews

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*Canada, and Her Relations to the Empire.* By LIEUT.-COL. G. T. DENISON. Reprinted from the *Westminster Review*. Toronto: *The Week* Publishing Company.

It is much more a shame for a man to be ignorant of the history of his own country, than of that of his own profession. It concerns us very little, in a practical sense, as to what the ancient Egyptians knew of the dental art; but to every man who loves his land, it concerns us a great deal, as to how the present constitution under which we enjoy freedom and prosperity, and our relations to our great Empire, were brought about. *The Week* is a powerful moulder of opinion in Canada, especially since it has been relieved of the immediate ægis of one who is not in touch with our aspirations. It should be on the table of every dentist. We hope that Colonel Denison will enlarge the subject to book form.

*The Medical Digest, 1840-90.* 794 pp., 132 pp. index. *Appendix to Digest, 1891-95.* 206 pp., 21 pp. index. By RICH. NEALE, M.D., London, Member of the Dental Medical Society of Batavia, Java. Third edition. London, Eng.: Ledger, Smith & Co., publishers.

These are two works of great value to the busy practitioner, independent of the many works or value to which it refers. Dr. Neale issued his first edition in 1877, and scores of writers have been saved days and weeks of research and study, and have illuminated their writings by the facilities which this unique work affords. The encomiums bestowed upon it by the *British Medical Journal*, the *Lancet*, the *Practitioner* and other journals of high repute, should be quite enough to satisfy sceptics as to its value. It serves to show the importance of preserving the monthly journals for reference; it is a check upon any attempt at the imposture which delights in proclaiming "new discoveries" which are only the reproduction of old ones; it is a guide to the philology of the medical profession; it is a mine of many precious hidden treasures in medical and dental literature; it is a key by which the busy practitioner can unlock many concealed suggestions. It is a *multum in parvo*; an immense library in two volumes; saves time, temper, and labor. Under the head of each disease there is a full list of the remedies used, and under each remedy a similar list of its therapeutical applications. Life is too short to plod through a hundredth part of the information which this work has made easy.