

conditions. 1st. The presence of poisonous matter in the atmosphere, the result of the decomposition of animal and vegetable substances, and 2nd. An absence of ozone. This poisonous matter he asserts is always present, and is the same which produces typhoid, typhus, intermittent, and remittent fevers, but under such circumstances, it is modified by the presence of ozone. When the latter substance is absent the poison acts with its full force on the system and produces these symptoms characteristic of cholera.

**FŒTICIDE OR CRIMINAL ABORTION.** A lecture introductory to the course of Obstetrics and Diseases of Women and Children; University of Pennsylvania, by Hugh L. Hodge, M.D. Fourth edition. Pp., 55. Philadelphia: Lindsay & Blakiston. Toronto: Copp, Clark & Co. 1872. Price 10 cents; in leather, 60 cents.

The author shows that from the moment of conception, the foetus is a human being, from which follows the logical conclusion that its wanton destruction, at any moment prior to birth, is as much murder as at any time after birth. He says that that system of medical instruction which does not thus instruct its students in reference to the hideousness of this crime, is far behind the views of our best modern physiologists. Efforts have been made in many quarters to instruct the people upon this subject and much good has been the result, but still the awful crime prevails to an alarming extent. This little book should therefore be welcomed by every right-minded medical man.

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In Quebec, on the 26th of December, 1872, GEORGE GOLDSTONE, M.D., M.R.C.S., Eng., aged 68.

Dr. Goldstone practised his profession for many years in Cobourg, and subsequently removed to Quebec, where he spent the remainder of his days. The immediate cause of his death was gout of the stomach.

At his residence 111 Church-st., on the 15th ult., CHARLES BLACKBURN JONES, Esq., M.D., aged 40 years.

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