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THE FOURTH NUMBER OF THE OPHTHALMIC REVIEW contains the conclusion of a Clinical Lecture on Cataract, by Von Gräfe; a translation of a paper of Liebreich's on Pigment in the Optic Disk; a Case of Encephaloid Cancer of the Lacrymal Gland, by Dr. Mackenzie; and cases in practice, by Mr. R. B. Carter; a Retrospect, by Mr. Windsor; and a Review of the remarkable work by Professor Donders, which has been lately translated for the New Sydenham Society, by Dr. Moore.

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I am, etc.,
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BOOKS RECEIVED.

1. On Food as a Means of Prevention of Disease. By E. Wilson, F.R.S. London: 1865.
2. The Irrationale of Speech, by a Minute Philosopher. London: 1864.
3. Clinical Observations on Diseases of the Stomach. By B. W. Foster. 1. Gastric Ulcer. Birmingham: 1864.

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