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Does Anti-Clique wish his note published? or will he oblige us with the other side of the tale he refers to? Perhaps he is not aware that his remarks smack of the libellous!

MR. C. H. CORNISH's hint shall be attended to.

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PHILIP H. WILLIAMS, M.D., *General Secretary*.

Worcester, August 1861.

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BOOKS RECEIVED.

1. *Climates for Invalids; or a Comparative Inquiry into the Preventive and Curative Influence of the Climate of Pau, etc., on Health and Disease.* By Alexander Taylor, M.D., F.R.S.E. Third edition, condensed and considerably altered. London: 1861.
2. *Advice to a Mother on the Management of her Offspring.* By *Pye Henry Chavasse, F.R.C.S. Sixth edition. London: 1861.

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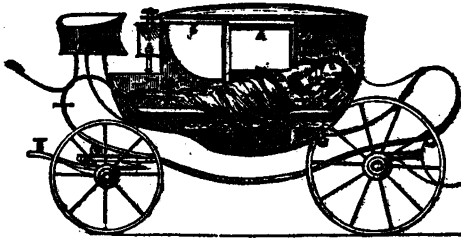
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