surrounded with so much difficulty, it is not to be wondered at that the author sometimes gets out of his depth. We regret to observe also that he occasionally becomes offensively canting and conceited. In what may be called the more speculative part of his work, Dr. Cooke is less happy than when he has to treat practical points. Notwithstanding these serious drawbacks, Dr. Cooke's treatise will repay perusal, especially the chapter on the duration of life and life insurance.


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