

current understanding of obesity took root, a cult of thinness had developed, from which we have not yet emerged. Eighteenth-century critics shared our contemporary concern about overpopulation. William Godwin trusted individuals to solve the problem, believing that as medicine enabled people to live forever, sexual urges would abate and reproduction would thus cease.

Perhaps the most poignant part of this book comes in Porter's discussion of the great historian and autobiographer Edward Gibbon, author of the classic, six-volume *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*. Gibbon suffered from a whole host of painful and obvious ailments. But those ailments were merely of the body, subordinate to the life of the enlightened mind. Gibbon did not believe in an immortal soul, but he hoped that his *Memoirs* would mean that "one day his mind [would] be familiar to the grandchildren of those who are yet unborn." As Porter observed, "His mind will thus live on" through his immortal words. One could make the same observation for the words of Roy Porter, and for that we all should be very thankful.

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CORRECTIONS

Sex Determination and Differentiation (January 22, 2004;350:367-78). On page 373, lines 22 through 25 in the first full paragraph of the right-hand column should have read, "patients with a translocation in the distal arm of chromosome 17q near the SRY-related SOX9 gene and deletions of the distal arm of chromosome 9p thought to contain other genes associated with sex reversal in lower organisms," rather than "patients with a translocation in the distal arm of chromosome 9p near the SRY-related SOX9 gene and other genes associated with sex reversal in lower organisms," as printed.

Case 5-2004: A 57-Year-Old Man with Slurred Speech and Left Hemiparesis (February 12, 2004;350:707-16). On page 713, in the right-hand column, Panels A and B of Figure 5 should have been transposed. In the same column, line 7 should have read "reduce the intracranial contents," rather than "open the intracranial contents," as printed. We regret the errors.

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