

been introduced into the science and art of surgery. The first in the list is the simple water dressing of Liston, which is now employed to the complete exclusion of the unctuous envelopes and complicated bandages of former days. Mr. Henry Lee's valuable researches on Pyæmia; Mr. Luke's suspending splint in cases of fracture; Sir Benj. Brodie's investigations into the true pathology of diseased joints; Mr. Guy's practice of making a free incision into disorganized articulations; Dr. Little and Messrs. Tamplin & Bishop's improvements in Orthopædic Surgery, by which many deformities of the body may be successfully treated; Mr. Fergusson's method of dividing the fibres of the levator palati muscle in cleft palate; Drs. Hutton, Cusack and Bellingham's celebrated treatment of aneurism by compression; Syme's amputations at the joints, and excision of diseased bone, in certain cases, in preference to removal of the limb; and lastly, Simpson's great discovery of the anæsthetic properties of chloroform are the improvements particularly dwelt upon. Altogether, it is a very creditable paper, and exhibits, on the part of the writer, a familiar acquaintance with the literature of modern surgery.

More ambition among the extra collegiates.—Dr. Valois' Bill, printed in a late number of our journal, having proved, as no one doubted, a failure, is now seeing the corruption of decay. From its ashes, however, which appear to be more turbulent than peaceful, a phœnix-like creature is arising; the fostering clucking over which devolves on Mr. Taché. Just as we are going to press, and this must be the apology for our brevity, we have seen the notice of an address to the Imperial Government, praying for authority to pass a bill to subject to an examination by the Provincial Board of Medicine, all candidates who are the bearers of Diplomas from the different colleges and Universities. This grand event completes the personification of the extra collegiates by the man who, when he could not raise his edifice to the eminence of an adjoining structure, set about thinking how he might pull down the eyesore to his own level.

Montreal Pharmaceutical Association.—At a meeting of the Druggists' Assistants and Apprentices, held on the 17th November, with a view of organizing a society for improving themselves in their profession. The society being constituted and named the "Montreal Pharmaceutical Association," the following gentlemen were elected officers for the present year:—Johnston Beer, president; Richard Jenner, vice-pres.; Charles Vanfelson, sec.; Kenneth Campbell, treas.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Professor Robb will receive our thanks for his attentions. *Inquirer* will appear in our next. *Dr. Neumier* will hear from us privately.