

The most striking books of the New Year are, Thompson on the Diseases of the Prostate, one of the most valuable monographs ever published, Maclises' first number of his folio work on Dislocations and Fractures, a companion to his surgical Anatomy, and a creditable production; and lastly the transactions of the Pathological Society. This last work came out shortly before the new year, and does not fall short of its predecessors. It is filled with matter of the most valuable kind.

Two great events have occupied the public mind for the last few weeks: both are over, but will not soon be forgotten. The first is the marriage of the Princess Royal, which every loyal Canadian must by this time be familiar with, through the press; the other, is the actual completion of the launch of the Leviathan. I went down to Greenwich this day week to see her float at high tide, but it did not come high enough to effect it. She however floated on Sunday, and lays at her moorings at Deptford, visited by thousands of people.

Two days ago I was present when Mr. Erichson at University College Hospital performed almost a precisely similar operation upon a girl as Mr. Hancock did, only that the disease was most extensive, and the pelvis in a crumbling condition from necrosis on the affected side. She was exhausted from the most profuse suppuration, and not expected to live many days; excision of the disease was done as a last resort, but she remains at this moment very feeble and weak.

Continuing the part of a chronicler of the progress of some of your Canadian graduates, I must not forget to state that Dr. Pringle of Cornwall in Canada, is earning laurels for himself by his assiduity and perseverance at University College. He is bestowing great attention upon histological anatomy and pathology, and I have no doubt he will be a valuable accession to the many labourers in his native country. Dr. Simpson (one of my old pupils) has recently arrived in London, but I am not aware of his intention to remain here long. Mr. Reid is at Edinburgh, and like all Canadian students, is a very great favourite. Very shortly he will return to Canada with the diploma in his pocket of the Edinburgh College of Surgeons. There is quite a demand for medical officers for the army, and likely to be so for some time. The hint may possibly prove of service to some aspiring Canadian M.D.

You need expect to hear from me again, very shortly, as I have it on the best authority that the great and long-wished-for Medical Reform Bill will actually pass during the present session of Parliament. It is in the hands of the Government, and has already been drawn up.

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