

## MEDICAL NEWS.

Kenneth Reid, M.D., of McGill College, passed the primary examination of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, on the 11th of April.—Dr. Pritchard, an eminent physician of Glasgow, Scotland, has been arrested on a charge of poisoning his wife and mother-in-law. The case is undergoing investigation.—Miss Mulock, the authoress, is to be married shortly to a young man, a good many years her junior, whom she nursed most carefully after a railway accident.

Dr. Andrew B. Buchanan, the only son of the aged and talented Professor of Physiology in the University of Glasgow, Professor Andrew Buchanan, died on the 8th of April, of typhus fever, contracted in the fever ward of the Royal Infirmary, to which he was physician. He was 31 years of age. He was engaged by Professor Kolliker, the eminent Histologist, to translate and edit, with Dr. Allan Thompson, Professor of Anatomy in Glasgow University, a very elaborate and profound work on Cellular Pathology and Embryology which the learned German Professor intends publishing simultaneously in England and Germany. At the time of his death, Dr. Buchanan had just finished the translation of the work.

We find in the *British Medical Journal* an account of a discussion in Germany on the merits of a new mode for amputation of the thigh at the knee, in which the femur is sawn through the condyles, or at the epiphysis, and the patella retained in the flap, that it may unite with and upon the sawn end of the bone. It is designated as Gritte's operation. Dr. Lucke details four cases in which he operated. The first died in the second week of purulent discharges; patella ununited. In the second case, the patella became firmly united with the end of the femur, forming an excellent stump. The third and fourth cases ended fatally. He communicated another case of perfect union of the patella to the end of the femur, occurring in Rotterdam. Professor Wagner, of Koninsberg, related the result of dissection in a successful case, in which "the patella was riding upon the anterior edge of the cut surface of the femur, was thickened and bent, and united to the femur by connective tissues only.

Of twelve cases of Gritte's operation collated by Dr. Heine, only two were successful, one of which was Dr. Lucke's related above; the other died of pyæmia.