

worth visiting. Dr. Wiltshire, known to some Canadians for his affable manner and ready willingness to advance the interests of strangers, is connected with this institution being one of its physicians.

St Bartholemew's Hospital, situated in Smithsfield, is one of the largest in London. Among the celebrities is Dr. Greenhalg, whose clinique is certainly very interesting and instructive.

The Royal Ophthalmic Hospital, Moorfields, is one of the wonders of London, the out-patient waiting-room resembling a church with a packed congregation, so numerous are the applicants. The patients are seen every day in the week, there being a large medical staff of officers. Each day is represented by three out of their number, who also operate on their respective days. Among the celebrities are noticed Mr. Bowman, Mr. Critchett, Mr. Soelberg Wells, Mr. George Lawson, whose manual on diseases and injuries of the eye is in every studio. Jonathan Hutchinson, Mr. Cooper, and others are connected with this establishment. Mr. Critchett performs all his operations under the influence of chloroform. Mr. Bowman seems to prefer the Bichloride of Methylene. Having administered the latter and seen it also frequently given, I intend making here a few remarks about its employment. From what I have seen and learned from the House Surgeon, Mr. Morgan, it seems better fitted for operations of short duration. On its being first administered to the patient, a sense of suffocation, compared to fainting, is felt, giving rise to struggling on the part of the patient, after which he falls into the same state as characteristic of chloroform. It has this advantage, that the patient is very soon placed under its influence and is easily resuscitated, which is an important item at Moorfields, where there are so many operations. The procedure for cataract is done according to Von Graeffe's method, and seems to give general satisfaction. Strabismus is performed by the sub-conjunctival incision. A hook is introduced under the conjunctiva and the muscle laid hold of. It is next divided as close to the eyeball as possible; sometimes the cut edges are brought together by a silk suture; seldom a bandage is applied over the eyes.

Iridodesis, first proposed by Mr. Critchett, is frequently substituted for the ordinary iridectomy, this operation consists in ligating the portion of the iris drawn out of the wound, and allowing it to slough off. Being curious to know the advantages of such an operation, I questioned Mr. Critchett whereupon he informed me that instead, as in ordinary iridectomy, of having an immovable pupil, through adhesions taking place, and also a shapeless one, an oval and moveable pupil was obtained. Extraction of the