

friend Mr. Ferguson, and who has at the same time performed most of the capital operations, read a paper on some of the causes of failure following the operation of Excision of the knee Joint, in which he most ably considered the subject, and very satisfactorily showed that the want of a successful issue depended upon circumstances which might have occurred had amputation been performed. At the conclusion of his paper, some 10 or more male and female persons walked into the room, each of whom had undergone resection of one of their knees, and who were living proofs of the value of a limb without a joint. One lad could walk his 14 miles a day, without inconvenience or fatigue, all were in excellent health. The sight was rather amusing too, for both males and females had their knees exposed whilst walking up and down to show their anarthrodial agility. Mr. Price is engaged in the preparation of a Treatise on Excision of the knee, which will be copiously illustrated, and at the same time will contain an account of every operation that has been done up to the year 1858.

The last Canadian Graduate who came under my notice was Dr. James S. Duncan, who called upon me the day before he went up for his examination at the army Medical Board, which I need not say, he passed most agreeably and satisfactorily. He is now in India, in fact he was but a short time at Chatham before being ordered on foreign service.

I hope soon to write again.

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*(To the Editors of the Medical Chronicle.)*

Messrs EDITORS.—I perceive by a recent number of your very respectable Journal, that a case of single Placenta, with double funis, has been recorded by a young practitioner in Ottawa, as something unique and unheard of, and it is further stated that the fact has not been noticed by any of our leading authors on midwifery. If the gentleman who reported the case in question turns up Burns's Midwifery, Section 2, Chapter 16, he will find there written:

"Two cords have been met with connected with one Placenta or with two Placenta, belonging to one child."

Your very obedient servant,

A. B. C.