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I desire on the present occasion to make a few remarks, and to submit the results of a series of surgical cases, which in my hands have been treated after Professor Lister's method of dressing surgical wounds.

Not long since (December 6th, 1879) at a meeting of the Metropolitan Counties Branch of the British Medical Association, held at St. Thomas's Hospital, Mr. W. MacCormack made the following remarks: "That the employment of Lister's method is not at once, or very easily acquired; it requires practice, a capacity and patience for detail, that those concerned in the management of a case shall, without reserve believe in the germ theory, or act as if they believed in it, the surgeon in charge of the case must either himself examine into and verify everything belonging to the dressing of the case, or must have some one in whom he can trust to do it for him. Less than this will not be putting Lister's method fairly to the test."

It is of no interest to us to discuss the correctness or fallacy of the germ theory and would be foreign to the object I have in hand, which is more for the purpose of bearing additional testimony to the practical usefulness of Lister's antiseptic method, than of entering into a discussion concerning a subject