

the spine of the ischium was cut off, and even a large piece of the tuberosity was extracted. The operation was formidable, as he used the chisel and mallet, and the fingers could be poked into the pelvis through the ischiatic notches. I had my own forefinger there. She recovered from the shock of the operation, and had much debility at the time from the chloroform; she lost scarcely any blood, and went on well in every respect, until the eighth day, when that scourge of our hospitals—erysipelas—attacked the wound and she sank the same night. Had it been otherwise I fully believe she would have ultimately made as good a recovery as in a somewhat similar instance under Mr. Hancock's care this period last year, which I referred to in a letter at the time, in your 4th volume, page 398. Excision of diseased bone, whether in joints or on the shafts, is now an every day occurrence. At some of the hospitals—King's College especially—an amputation is a very rare thing to be seen. This principle is applied to the most trifling joints, the fingers particularly, for now a digit is not removed, but the dead joint or portion of diseased bone is removed instead. The treatment of chronic hydrarthrosis of the knee joint by injecting tincture of iodine, in the manner recently brought forward by Dr. Macdonnell, who has published several successful cases in your journal, has been tried with the best results by Mr. Erichsen at University College, and will shortly be brought before the profession. Dr. Macdonnell's papers have been copied into several journals and have excited some attention. There have been so many instances of castration within the last six months, that one feels uneasy lest it might interfere with the procreation of our race; but so far as I have seen, the operation has been justifiable. About a fortnight ago, quite a stir was made at Bartholomew's Hospital to receive the Siamese Ambassadors and suite who were anxious to see the operations. They came in great state and pomp and occupied the front row of the theatre. An arm and a leg were submitted to amputation for their especial gratification, and lithotomy was performed. They seemed to evince great interest in the proceedings, especially did the native doctor, who was dressed in a crimson cloth loose coat. He was presented with one of the calculi, as two were removed. They appeared to be quiet harmless people, anxious to learn and see all they can, and by no means blood-thirsty, like some of their neighbours. They left the hospital highly gratified, accompanied by Dr. Tweedy, who was appointed by the Queen to attend upon them.

I saw an uncommon operation a few weeks back at the London Hospital, by Mr. Curling, upon an elderly man who had a large tumour growing from his right tonsil, extending into the pharynx and impeding