

Though many unforeseen events may take place in the treatment of amputations, and which indeed may thwart the designs of the surgeon, notwithstanding his most cautious circumspection ; yet it must be generally acknowledged that a moderate and uniform state of atmospheric temperature is most conducive to the recovery of such operations. Mr. Griffiths, who had charge of the wounded at Fort Wellington, after the action at Ogdensburgh, in the spring of 1813, makes the following remark with regard to amputation : “ The piercing cold of winter was unfavourable to the recovery of those men upon whom I performed amputation. Every medical comfort, appropriate for the state of the wounded, was afforded me ; but the hospital accommodation was certainly unfriendly to their general welfare. I found much difficulty in keeping up a uniform temperature in the apartments of the sick. The want of a thermometer was an unfortunate occurrence. The stoves by which the rooms were heated, were not supplied so regularly with