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AMPUTATION AT THE UPPER THIRD OF THE THIGH.

This was a case very similar to that reported in last number of the *Lancet*. The patient was about 10 or 12 years of age. He was admitted under the care of Dr. Cassidy, and placed under treatment for white swelling of the knee. The case seemed favorable at first, and it was thought that he would recover the use of the limb in an ankylosed condition; which, by the division of the tendons, might be straightened: but a sudden unfavorable turn in the course of the disease took place. Abscesses formed all round the joint, and the discharge was so profuse, that the patient's life was in danger. Amputation was decided upon as the only alternative, and the operation was performed by Dr. Cassidy, assisted by Drs. Aikins and Canniff. The flab operation was the one selected. The artery was controlled by pressure over the os pubis. The patient is doing very well. Notwithstanding the rarity of such operations in these days of conservative surgery, this is the second case which has occurred within the past two months.

Upon examination, the joint was found very much ulcerated and disorganized.

REMOVAL OF THE SUPERIOR MAXILLA.

This patient, aged about 70, was admitted under the care of Dr. Aikins, for disease of the antrum. The tumor had made its appearance on the face, but not involving the integument; and, in consequence of the eye not being pressed upon, or the passage of the nose interfered with, it was thought a favorable case for operation. The only apparent contra indications were the age of the patient, and the fact that he had extensive ossification of the arteries. This was however not considered a sufficient reason for refusing the operation. The patient was also exceedingly anxious to have something done. The operation performed by Dr. Aikins, assisted by Drs. Canniff and Geikie, in the presence of a number of students, and several medical practitioners.