

operated about the same time. To settle the matter, would Dr. Johnson, through the *Buffalo Medical Journal*, give us the date on which he performed his operation.

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#### TYPHUS FEVER.

This disease in its most malignant form has for a number of months been epidemic in Scotland and Ireland. At Dundee, Aberdeen, Falkirk, Glasgow, Greenock, Dublin, Cork, it has carried off hundreds, among them we regret to say, not a few of our own profession who contracted the disease in the course of their professional duties. As the approaching season will doubtless see a number of emigrants reaching our shores, sailing from the Clyde and Irish ports, where the disease is now prevalent, we trust our authorities at Quarantine will examine closely all vessels coming from any affected port. If the disease was to become prevalent with us, during our hot summer weather, which will be soon upon us, we would have great cause to lament our want of forethought. Prevention is better than cure.

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Our attention has been drawn to the fact that two graduates of McGill College are, and have been for some time, violating the solemn affirmation they took when they received their degree. One is in partnership with a well known quack, and the other guilty of a constant disregard of the rules of medical ethics. It is our intention to take up this matter at length at an early day, when thoroughly acquainted with the facts; in the meantime we would observe, we think measures should be taken to give Universities the power to withdraw their diploma from those who so unworthily use it. Nothing is so disgraceful, as to knowingly deceive the public, for the sake of paltry gain. They forever lose the respect of their old classmates, and must, eventually, lose that of the public also.

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#### MEDICAL NEWS.

Tom Thumb's baby, according to the London *Lancet*, when in Paris recently, was twelve months old and weighed seven pounds and three quarters. — Sir David Brewster, the veteran philosopher, so highly distinguished for his optical discoveries, read a paper before the Royal Society of Edinburgh, on Monday, 16th January, "On the Causes and Cure of Cataract." He showed the differences between the various forms of cataract, as determined by the composition and structure of the crystalline lens, and suggested that in cases of soft cataract a cure might be effected by injections of albumen into the lens.