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TO THE EDITORS OF THE MONTREAL MEDICAL GAZETTE.

DEAR SIRS,—I hand for publication in your valuable Journal, the following account of a bold and successful operation, performed by my able and intelligent friend, Doctor Hall, of Burlington, who forwarded the report in a letter lately received by me. I shall make no comments, the case speaks for itself. With much regard,

I am, yours faithfully,

WFD. NELSON.

Montreal, 25th June, 1844.

“The operation of Tracheotomy to which you allude, was performed on the 10th ult. by myself, assisted by Drs. Hatch and Marsh. The subject of this case was an interesting lad of about four years of age. While playing with a piece of pipe stem, and drawing air through it, holding it between his lips, he accidentally sucked it through the rimaglottidis into the trachea. This account the boy gave immediately after the accident, for no one was present at the time. He also measured on his finger his estimate of the length of the pipe stem, corresponding, as it afterwards proved, with its real length, being nearly $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches. The usual symptoms of foreign body in the trachea at once came on, such as violent coughing and difficult respiration; but the little fellow was not attacked with that threatened fatal suffocation which follows the inhaling of smaller and lighter substances,—and there appeared no floating up and down of the body through the windpipe, in the action