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A SECOND SERIES OF CASES OF SKIN TRANSPLANTATION BY THIERSCH'S METHOD.\*

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In December, 1887, just five years ago, I read a paper before this Society entitled, "*The Treatment of Ulcers by the Transplantation of Large Pieces of Skin after Thiersch's Method.*" I then described the operation in considerable detail and gave full clinical reports of the first six cases on which I had operated,—(the patients were also presented for examination) To-night I venture to offer some further observations upon this operation, based upon the reports of thirty-six cases operated upon in the hospital since that time. These cases are taken from the hospital books, and this series includes only those in which an operation was definitely undertaken for the purpose of healing a wound or ulcer. Minor cases in which the area to be covered was estimated at less than two square inches, and all those cases in which skin was transplanted in the course of another operation, as in the removal of small cancerous or lupoid ulcers from the face, webbed fingers, plastic operations, etc., are not included. Case 31 is an exception to the first part of this statement and was included here on account of the great age of the patient (74 years). The area to be covered for chronic ulcer in this case was about one and a half square inches.

*Age*—In age the patients range, as will be seen from the

\* Read before the Montreal Medico-Chirurgical Society, Dec. 23, 1892.