

"Cooper's Surgical Dictionary" in two volumes, brought up to the present state of Science. A third edition of that excellent work "Erichsen's Science and Art of Surgery" will be out next week. And a second edition of "Pirrie's Principles and Practice of Surgery" has just been published by Mr. Churchill, and I must acknowledge that, well acquainted as I am with most of the modern works, this one carries off the palm from all. The greatest compliment I can pay the author is to say that his book stands in the same position to medical literature, that Atkinson's splendid work (lately out) on "Travels in the Regions of the Amoor," does to general literature. It is handsomely bound, and got up in Mr. Churchill's usual elegant style. But these sink into insignificance when compared to the manner and general arrangement of the work which is everything to be desired. It is an octavo volume of nearly 900 pages, and most profusely illustrated with first class wood cuts, and contains all that is new I may say up to the present hour, for even the Laryngoscope and its clinical application is considered in a short chapter. I have no doubt it will have a run, and will be the book of the season, as Dr. Gibb's work on the Throat and Windpipe has been all the Summer. A work on the Surgical diseases of children by Mr. Cooper Foster has likewise appeared within the last few days, copiously illustrated with plain and coloured plates; it fills up a vacuum that has long existed, and is full of most useful material. Every page is original matter, and the author refers to but one single case *out of his own experience*. I shall say nothing of the new Sydenham Society's works, as you have already noticed them. But I am told several choice things are in course of preparation for the next year; the Council have placed Professor Czermak's work on the Laryngoscope for translation in the hands of Dr. Gibb; and the work is to have appended to it, abstracts of all the memoirs that have since appeared upon this novel subject. My letter is too far advanced to permit of my going into it; but I shall have something to say about it in my next. When I state however, that with the instrument as made by Weiss, I can look right down the larynx and see what is going on there, your readers will be prepared to hear something startling about it. The most hidden and unsuspected diseases are at once brought to light.

And lastly I must announce that Mr. Baker Brown is preparing a new edition of his book on the "Surgical Diseases of women," which will contain an account of his extensive experience in this line of practice. No man living has met with such success as he has done. Ruptured perineal and vesico-vaginal fistulae are treated by the dozen I may say, sent up to him from all parts of the country. saw him perform ovariectomy, on the 1st instant, upon a woman about 40 years of age, with extensive adhesions; in fact it was the worst case he has had out of some five and twenty, and that is saying a great deal. The patient fortunately is doing well. One of the last cases at which I was present in one of the large Hospitals during the operation, died on the second day, not from this proceeding, for it was one of the most promising I had seen, but from peritonitis caused by a large sponge which unfortunately had been sewed up into the abdomen, when the tumour was removed. Such mistakes will happen in spite of every precaution.

On the 17th October, Samuel Hatt Macpherson formerly an old McGill Student, but for the last three or four years a Guy's man, died of pleurisy, or