

the year 1844; and was House Surgeon Montreal General Hospital for several years.

Dr. Long was exceedingly diffident, modest, and retiring, but with all thoroughly honest. His manner was kind, but not prepossessing, and he possessed rare qualities as an anatomist and surgeon. For several sessions he acted as Demonstrator of Anatomy in McGill College; and the College Museum was largely enriched by his painstaking perseverance in his department as Curator to that collection. He leaves a widow and four young children to deplore his untimely removal.

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#### RE-SECTION OF THE ANKLE-JOINT.

Since our last issue, we have received a communication from Dr. Caniff, of Belleville, enclosing a copy of the London *Lancet*, containing a letter forwarded to that journal, previous to our existence, detailing the final result of a case of re-section of the ankle-joint operated upon by him in 1862, and reported in the *British American Journal*, for June, 1862. At that time Dr. Caniff promised to give the final results, and, two years after, finding no medical journal in existence, he was obliged to forward his communication to the *Lancet*. The person operated upon was twenty-one years of age, with a good constitution, and the disease of the bones was due almost entirely to local causes. The operation was performed as follows: A single incision having been made, the following pieces of bone were successively removed: first, the astragalus, one half of it necrosed and the other half disorganized; then the external malleolus, then half an inch sawn off the tibia, but the condition was such as to require an additional inch and a half of both tibia and fibula. The upper half of the os calcis was removed by the gouge; about three inches of bone in length was removed altogether. The leg was put up in a fracture box and the patient did well. Six months after he could walk with the aid of a cane; and a year after he could run with ease; and Dr. Caniff on one occasion saw him mount a flight of stairs three steps at a leap. There is just two inches of shortening, and the patient wears a boot with the sole thickened about three quarters of an inch; the ankle is supported on either side by steel springs, and he walks with a very slight limp. Dr. Caniff claims that he was the first to perform this operation in America, and seems to think Dr. Johnson, of Buffalo, whose article we re-published in our last issue, makes a similar claim. We have examined Dr. Johnson's article carefully, and finding no specific date given when the operation was performed, are not competent to decide the question. It seems to us both Dr. Johnson and Dr. Caniff must have