

others; one was the removal of almost the entire tibia from a boy, for necrosis; and another, a case of stone in a little girl aged 5 years, which was removed by Mr. Hillman with the aid of a Weiss' dilator and forceps.

At Charing Cross Hospital, Mr. Hancock was commencing amputation of the thigh for most extensive disease of the femur, but he found it extended up to the joint itself, the bone being riddled and soaking in pus almost its entire length, as well as the soft structures in a fearful condition. He therefore had immediate recourse to amputation at the hip-joint, which was speedily and beautifully performed. The man was going on well after it, but the result is doubtful. This is the second case we have seen during the year 1856, the first by Mr. Curling at the London Hospital, in the early part of the year. There were several other unimportant operations here.

Enough is now mentioned to afford your readers an idea of what a man can see here who desires to become a great practical Surgeon, even in the short space of a single week. It has been my peculiar fortune to have witnessed operations that are seen but once in a life-time, which drop in like falling meteors, and leave a lasting impression never to be forgotten. I will instance the tying of the abdominal aorta, just above the bifurcation of the iliacs, a few months back, by Mr. South. The external iliac I have seen tied 6 or 7 times, three times within, I may say, as many months, two out of the three with success. I must bring this long letter to a close and will merely say that, if the recounting of a week's operations has extended to such a length, it will be an impossibility to give you more at any time, than the cream upon the surface, of what is seen by so many in this wonderful metropolis.

I may add that a large hospital called "the Great Northern" has very recently been established close to the Great Northern Railway Terminus, King's Cross. It is intended to accommodate 300 in-patients and will have a regular staff of Medical Officers.

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## HOSPITAL REPORT.

QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE MONTREAL GENERAL HOSPITAL, ENDING  
30th October, 1856.

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|------------------------------|-----|--------------------------|-----|
| Patients remaining from last |     | Died during Quarter..... | 11  |
| Quarter.....                 | 64  | Now in Hospital.....     | 55  |
| Admitted present Quarter.... | 198 | Discharged.....          | 196 |
|                              | 262 |                          | 262 |