

to this Hospital, which from the large number of its beds, (800) always furnishes an interesting variety on operating days. At King's, Mr. Fergusson, and Mr. Bowman are the "big guns," and at the University Mr. Erichsen and Mr. Wharton Jones. Mr. Fergusson stands boldly out as the champion of re-sections here, and is ably supported by many of the Hospital Surgeons. I have seen several re-sections of the knee, and all are progressing most satisfactorily. The many methods that are adopted at the various Hospitals for the administration of chloroform—is somewhat amusing to one who has followed the practice of the Montreal General Hospital, and pinned his faith to the towel, folded in the form of a cone—the quantity of chloroform given being always carefully measured. With one exception I do not remember an instance in London where the amount of chloroform administered was measured. The general method adopted is to have a square piece of lint folded double, and a piece of oiled silk stitched on one side; the chloroform is poured on this, till it is all but completely saturated, and it is then held close to the patient's nose. Mr. Glover, a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons—has very recently invented a method for administering chloroform which he says is completely devoid of danger, and his entire time is now devoted to the administration of this anæsthetic. He attends at the University Hospital on operating days, and administers it to the patients about to be operated upon. It is a somewhat complicated apparatus, and difficult to describe—yet I will make the attempt. Mr. Glover has slung over his back an enormous silk bag which is filled with atmospheric air containing *three per cent. of chloroform*, and from this bag is a long tube, at the end of which is a mouth and nose piece; through this tube is inhaled the anæsthetic vapour, which in five minutes, according to Mr. Glover, puts the patient in a profound sleep. The method in which this bag is charged, so to speak, with this chloroform vapor, is as follows:—The mouth piece is unscrewed from the tube, which is fastened to the side of a small circular silver box, which contains inside, I believe, a small reservoir of hot water, around the outside of which is placed several folds of blotting paper. A certain amount of chloroform is injected by means of a syringe, into this kind of double receptacle, and is taken up by the blotting paper. From the other side of this box is another small tube connected with a bellows, something in the shape of a concertina, which is made to contain a known quantity of air when full, on compressing the air out of this bellows it rushes over the blotting paper into the bag, in its passage taking up the entire amount of chloroform. Regarding this method, Dr. Jenner, lately appointed Physician to Her Majesty, in the place of the late Dr. Baly, says: It is the only rational method of administering chloroform.

The Royal College of Physicians of London, hitherto the most exclusive Medical Corporation in the Kingdom, has lately decided to grant licenses to practice to all those who pass its examination; allowing such to style themselves Licentiates. Previously such was not the case, there only being fellows and members. The Apothecaries' Hall took offence at this, and determined to test the legality of the step. The trial took place a couple of months ago, and was decided in favor of the College of Physicians. The "Hall" examination is generally here looked upon as "not being much." The examination for the