

ren on the occasion of this visit, the oldest not over, we should think, three years, and the readiness with which they replied to the questions put, was surprising. We regard this as a most valuable institution, and one which is doing, and will do, an incalculable amount of good. His visits to the Grey Nunnery and the Hotel Dieu, our oldest Hospital here, were, very much indeed to his regret, mere passing ones. He expressed to us, however, the possibility of the return of the party before the final leave from this continent, when he will be more at leisure to examine the working of our Hospital systems.

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SIR BENJAMIN BRODIE.

We regret extremely to learn from the *Medical Times and Gazette*, of the 18th August, that the respected President of the Royal Society, and of the Medical Council, underwent on the 12th of July, the operation of iridectomy on both eyes, under the influence of chloroform. Sir Benjamin's eyesight had been failing since last Christmas, but only became painfully so since the completion of his 78th year, last June. The disease was regarded as senile cataract, affecting both eyes but chiefly the left one. When attending the meeting of the British Association at Oxford, his eyes were examined, and the disease was pronounced glaucoma, for which he underwent the operation. Little or no benefit followed; but since this, although scarcely any relief was afforded to the left eye, vision in the right eye has entirely gone. A cataract has been unmistakably observed in this eye, for which extraction will, it is supposed, shortly be performed, while it is confidently hoped that the same disease is the impeding cause of vision in the left one. We are persuaded that all Sir Benjamin's friends will deeply regret the information which we are now conveying.

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MR. LINTON AND DR. SHAVER.

In consequence of Mr. Linton's animadversions on Dr. Shaver's position as a qualified practitioner of Upper Canada, which will be understood from late articles in this manual, Dr. Shaver replied to that officious personage in a paper called the "Examiner," published at Stratford, and in that communication designated him as "non compos mentis," in consequence of which the latter is endeavouring to establish a character for "sanity" by an action for libel against the former. We have, whether fortunately or unfortunately, no personal acquaintance with the said gentlemen, and are unable to testify how far the charge is true. We must say, however, that if he is not "non compos," he certainly appears to be a most worthy descendant of an old knight, yecept Don Quixote, as his exploits are of a somewhat similar character. His attacks upon the licenses of the Lower Canadian College of Physicians and Surgeons resemble strongly those of his prototype upon the windmill.

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TUMBLETY FINED.

This well known character, we are happy to perceive, has received his due deserts at last. We never met with an individual who excelled him in effrontery,