

In reference to these cases he remarks: "The spinal membranes and the cord itself can be exposed, and neoplasms and encroachments upon the lumen of the canal may be removed therefrom without unduly hazarding life. Such interference is unsparingly condemned by writers on the subject, their remarks, however, being applied to injuries, as no such operations have hitherto been contemplated in idiopathic cases. They contend that they are full of danger, being difficult, prolonged, and attended with profuse hemorrhage; secondly, that the operation could hardly benefit the patient, and, thirdly, that no one has been able to present a successful case. Each of these points has now lost its validity."

It is said that the address attracted a large audience and that it was received with enthusiastic applause, a hearty vote of thanks being subsequently carried. Our personal estimate of Dr. MacEwen's remarkable ability as a surgeon—made many years ago—is, we are happy to find, at last becoming verified.

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—The treatment of wounds by continued irrigation is an old method which is being revived by Mr. Treves of the London Hospital. If our memory serves us, some of the surgeons engaged in the American Civil War were strong advocates of this plan, and practiced it extensively. About ten years ago cases of lacerated wound were constantly treated after this fashion in the Montreal General Hospital. We do not pretend to say that anything like the elaborate apparatus devised by Mr. Treves, for the supply and removal of the water, was in use, nor were the parts subjected to the treatment for the same length of time (several weeks), but it was nevertheless carried out very thoroughly until all inflammatory action had subsided and the granulation process had fairly set in. We have always thought well of the method in appropriate cases, and shall await with interest the results of Mr. Treves' experiments in connection therewith.

—Dr. Lennox Browne uses cocaine now entirely as an anæsthetic when performing tracheotomy, injecting five minims of a ten per cent. solution on each side of the middle line. He thinks