

extractions performed with these precautions, and to the wonderful manner in which pyæmia and erysipelas had been stamped out in certain defective German hospitals since the adoption of the strict method of excluding the septic atmosphere; and the last-named stated that he had attained better results in ovariectomy in this way than ever before:—"he got forty-three consecutive cases without a death, and that, he thought, spoke volumes in favor of Professor Lister's system." After remarks in somewhat the same sense by Mr. Thomas Smith and Mr. Timothy Holmes, Mr. Lister replied in an able and argumentative speech, fully maintaining the ground he has always held, that his system involves a definitely new principle in surgery, and that his method of dressing may be looked upon as being only, perhaps, one way of carrying this into practical effect. In another column will be found the text of the statistics which were presented in the course of his address. The debate is to be resumed, and we shall look with interest for the further expression of the opinions of the leading London surgeons upon this all-important surgical topic.

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DEATH FROM CHLOROFORM occurred on the 1st ult., at the Citadel, Quebec. The patient was a gunner of "B" Battery, who was the subject of a popliteal aneurism. The surgeon of the battery, Dr. Neilson, was about to perform the operation of ligature of the femoral artery. The anæsthetic (English chloroform) would appear to have been given very cautiously, and the condition of the patient carefully watched by the two assistants, Drs. Montizambert and C. Sewell. Only about two drachms had been administered when alarming symptoms showed themselves,—the breathing became laborious, the pulse left the wrist, and he rapidly died, in spite of immediate and energetic measures for resuscitation. We make no remarks upon the case, because the report of the autopsy in the public papers is quite unintelligible, and we are not in possession of any further information.

DEATH FROM THE INHALATION OF ETHER.—A case of sudden death from the inhalation of ether, occurred at Aylmer,