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By a somewhat singular coincidence, it was exactly twelve months yesterday since the antiseptic system of Lister, or “Listerism,” as the Germans have chosen to term it, was first introduced into the practice of the Montreal General Hospital, and if I mistake not (although in this I am open to correction,) into Canada. During the year the method has been carried out in every operation of any magnitude, and the results obtained have been on the whole most gratifying, and in some cases almost unprecedented.

As there are probably some of the members of the Association present who have never seen an operation performed antiseptically, I will, without further prelude, briefly describe the apparatus at present employed by Lister, and then read the notes of a few cases in which the method has been employed.

I will describe briefly the mode of procedure adopted in the wards under my care. A railway accident is brought in, let us say, in which amputation is demanded. The first duty of the house surgeon is to elevate the limb and apply Esmarch's band, as well with a view to arrest the hemorrhage as to dull the