

many other persons of celebrity are in town, drawn together by the re-assembling of parliament.

Of medical items, one may mention the use of amylene in place of chloroform, requiring a larger quantity to inhale, but not followed by any sickness or other bad effects. We have seen it used with success in about 70 instances, *it is more expensive than chloroform*. There are several new caustics in use:—as solution of chromic acid for warts and ulcers, introduced by Mr. Marshall of University College—100 grs. crystallized chromic acid to an ounce of distilled water—this will destroy gonorrhœal and other warts when all other caustics fail. Highly dried sulphate of zinc is another, either sprinkled over a cancerous or ulcerated surface, as Professor Simpson does, or made into a paste with glycerine—1 ounce of the dried salt to 1 drachm of glycerine—and applied on lint; it takes 2 or 3 hours to act, and a few applications often cure very bad cases. In regard to operative surgery, one is constantly seeing the usual operations, but the only real novelty of late, was the performance of excision of the floor of the acetabulum and head of the thigh bone at the Charing Cross Hospital by Mr. Hancock, for caries and pelvic abscess, followed by cure. Your readers are aware, that the presence of these conditions, has hitherto been held as absolutely forbidding excision at all. But every day we are seeing set rules overturned with the best results, and it is really a difficult matter to say what cases are *not* suitable for operation, for oftentimes when the poor patient is at the point of death, his life is saved by an operation which cannot be altogether considered a mere *dernier resort*.

That eminent man Dr. Watson is the new President of the Pathological Society, and a first rate one he makes too. It is expected that Mr. Hird of the Charing Cross Hospital will be the new President of the London Medical, and we believe the fellows contemplate electing our humble self as one of the honorary Secretaries, a probationary post well worth any man's while filling for a time in London.

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BOOKS RECEIVED FOR REVIEW.

Brodhurst on the nature and treatment of Club Foot and analogous distortions. 1856. From the author.

Routh on Fœcal Fermentation as a cause of disease. 1856. From the author.

Gibb's contributions to the Seventh Volume of 'Transactions of the Pathological Society of London. From the author.