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Keith.

Keith the Lithotomist of Aberdeen. Malloch told 2 good stories this evening of the old man.

1. One day Prin. Campbell met K. in his Or. P.C. said 'Why K. what is this I hear, going to marry again'. 'Yes', said K, 'the first time I married for money, the 2nd time for position and now this third time I am marrying for love.' Not bad for a septuagenarian.
2. K. in one of his articles in E.M.J. in Lithotomy in enumerating at the end the causes of his success said finally "that he always entered into his closet before op. and laid the case before the Lord". This impressed a young ? very much and fresh from that town of saints, Gla? He was much drawn to the devout Lithotomist. Accompanied him to the Inf. The first case which presented was a boy with a fish-hook through his cheek. He ordered chloroform at once, but the mother protested. In vain K. argued and told her to go out etc. but to no purpose, until provoked beyond endurance the old Adam broke out - Damn you take your boy out of this.