

polis, and finally emigrated to Canada, settling down in Durham in 1849.

Dr. White who was in every sense a cultured gentleman of the old school, had the distinction of being the first, and for many years the only physician in the county of Drummond, consequently his work extended over a very large area.

Among the hills of Missiquoi, Shefford and Brome, the names of Chamberlin, Brigham, White, Stowe, Shaumon, Searles, Cotton, Butler, Pattee, Frary, Foster, and Abbott, are still held in grateful remembrance by the descendants of the pioneers who first settled these districts early in the present century. Among the most noted members of this group were perhaps Drs. Chamberlin, Cotton and Butler.

Joshua Chamberlin was born in Vermont in 1799, an able surgeon, a man of great resource and forceful character, the 56 years of his professional life were almost entirely spent in the vicinity of Frelighsburg.

Dr. Charles E. Cotton, a native of the township of Durham, where he was born in 1816, graduated at Jefferson College in 1837, and practiced nearly the whole of his medical life time at Cowansville. Dr. Cotton was a remarkably skilful surgeon and was once heard to remark after reading the account of a successful ovariectomy "If I had only known forty years ago, that the peritoneal cavity could be safely entered, I so might have had successful ovariectomies." Although frequently tempted to present himself for political honors, Dr. Cotton always remained loyal to his chosen profession, and literally "died in harness" after 50 years unwearying combat with disease.

The settlements on the north shore of the Ottawa, have had since their inception, many men of whom the profession may well be proud, and the Churches, Robertsons and Christies, who were among the early medical pioneers of these districts, are still perpetuated in medicine by descendants bearing the same honoured names.

I hope at some future day to go more deeply into the history of our medical forefathers, but for the present, space is too limited to permit of further extension. My purpose for the moment has been fulfilled, if I have only stimulated to a slight degree, your interest in a subject which it seems to me should command our admiration and respect, for not only is it due to the noble dead of our profession, but also due to ourselves, that we should occasionally become retrospective and look back to the heroic men who in our own country, led the van in warfare against the King of Terrors "Lest we forget, lest we forget."