

MCDOWELL'S MONUMENT.

Beneath this granite shaft repose the sacred ashes of the "Father of Ovariectomy;" doubtless, scarcely a vestige of his mortal remains could upon investigation be discovered—he having long since, "mingled his bones with the dust."

On the front face of this monument is a medallion of McDowell, and beneath it a tablet bearing the inscription :

"A Grateful Profession Reveres His Memory and
Treasures His Examples."

On the remaining tablets, on the different sides, are further inscriptions as follows :

"Beneath this Shaft Rest the Remains of
EPHRAIM McDOWELL, M.D., the Father of Ovariectomy."

"By Originating a Great Surgical Operation,
He Became a Benefactor of His Race,
Known and Honored throughout
the Civilized World."

"Born in Rockbridge County, Virginia, November 11, 1771 ;

Attended the University of Edinburgh, 1793-4 ;

Located at Danville, Kentucky, in 1795 ;

Performed the First Ovariectomy in December, 1809.

"When riding along fields of waving grain, from which the ripening odor has filled the air with all its fragrance ; along dusty highways beneath the scorching rays of a torrid sun, when the din of the harvester is heard in the distance and the carol of the lark recalls to memory happier days gone by ; stop and let the horse graze. Pluck a violet from a hedge near by. Tenderly carry it home and offer it as a gift to that little woman who has been waiting the approach of your footsteps for doubtless many weary hours. Pin it upon her breast—that breast which you once promised to protect and support. The intrinsic value of a little flower, as all well know, is comparatively nothing ; a penny would buy it anywhere, were it available. But to her it means a great deal. It makes you know that *you thought of her*. In hanging out your sign let her have a word to say. She knows more than the thoughtless public might imagine. It may be a little *too high*, or a little *too low*, but that *soft hand* that has guided us in matters of more magnitude, can surely guide us in this."

The good people of Danville would honor their town and themselves by erecting, in their court house yard, a monument of marble or statue of bronze to this great benefactor of the human family. In the "Lives of Eminent American Physicians and Surgeons of the Nineteenth Century," Doctor S. D. Gross says of him : "Had McDowell lived in France he would have been elected a member of the Royal Academy of