

DEATH OF SIR JAMES CLARK.

The Medical Profession throughout Canada will hear with deep regret of the death of Sir James Clark, K.C.B., Physician in ordinary to Her Majesty the Queen, which took place at his residence, Bagshot Park, on the 29th of June at the advanced age of 91 years. Dr. Clark had contributed several works on Climate and Consumption to Medical Literature, but his name was constantly before the public as the chief medical attendant of the Royal Family. The *Medical Times* says "he had a character of singular excellence and a career of uncommon usefulness. We believe that when the modest grave at Kensal-Green received the remains of James Clark on July 4th it closed over one of the best men who ever lived."

THE CHAIR OF MIDWIFERY IN THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH.

Dr. Alexander Simpson, a nephew of the late Sir James Simpson, has received the appointment of Professor of Midwifery in the University of Edinburgh. The election was closely contested Dr. Matthew Duncan lost the election by one vote only.

SWALLOWING OF INDIGESTIBLE SUBSTANCES.

Sir William Ferguson calls attention to the case of a sailor, aged 23, who was in Guy's Hospital in 1853, and who in the course of ten years swallowed at different times at least thirty-five knives. Some of these, or eroded portions, were occasionally vomited or passed per anum. He finally died from exhaustion and, on opening his body, forty different pieces of blades and handles were found in the abdomen.

TREATMENT OF ECZEMA.

Dr. Kent Spencer, of Bath, has found black wash useful as an application in eczema rubrum of the legs, mixed with a tenth part by measure of glycerine. Linen rags are soaked in this and laid on the parts and kept *in situ* by a bandage, but no oiled silk used. He renews the dressings twice daily, wetting them with warm water before removal. He has recently almost always been successful in such cases by this plan.