

*Christmas at the Lunatic Asylum, Toronto.*—About noon on last Christmas day, all the patients, except the "worst ones," sat down to an excellent dinner of the usual Christmas cheer. The Medical Superintendent was most solicitous in contributing to the comfort and happiness of the guests. In the afternoon a couple of hours were spent in singing and instrumental music, and on the whole the entertainment is stated to have been most agreeable. At the Branch establishment, a like entertainment was afforded to the patients.

*Splendid Donation.*—We learn from the *American Medical Times*, that Prof. Torrey, the celebrated botanist, has made a donation to Columbia College, New York, of his large herbarium, probably one of the most complete in the world, containing specimens of the Flora of America, Europe, Asia, Cape of Good Hope, Australia, and many other places. Dr. Torrey does not intend to relinquish his favourite pursuit, but the Trustees have given him a residence in the College building, with every facility for further investigation. The herbarium which was given to the college, was the fruit of forty years' labour. Prof. Torrey is the author of several well known works on Botany.

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## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

### BIRTH.

At Tullamore, C. W., on the 15th December, the wife of John T. Mullin, M.D., of a daughter.

### MARRIAGES.

In Toronto, on the 26th December, by the Rev. A. Topp, John L. Stevenson, M.D., of London, C. W., to Kate, second daughter of the late Joseph Blain, Esq., of Montreal.

In St. Thomas, C. W., on the 27th ultimo, at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. Dr. Caulfield, George Fitzsimons, Esq., M. D., of Egmondville, to Miss Mary Jane Rhycard, of St. Thomas.

### DEATHS.

In Dublin, on December 1st, suddenly at his residence, Merrion Square, North, Sir Henry Marsh, Bart., Physician in Ordinary to the Queen in Ireland.

Of the various Dublin practitioners none attained a higher position than Sir Henry, a position which he held up to the period of his decease. This occurred very suddenly. About 9 a. m. he was attacked by giddiness and fell fracturing one of the bones of his leg. Professional assistance was immediately obtained, and he had so far recovered as to be enabled to tell the circumstances which had transpired. Unconsciousness however, gradually supervened, and he died at twenty minutes to one o'clock, P. M. Sir Henry's parents, were originally of English descent. His father was the Reverend Robert Marsh, rector of Killinane, County of Galway. He was in early youth brought up to agricultural pursuits, but an accidental meeting with a near relation changed his plans and he entered upon the study of medicine. He selected Surgery as his especial branch, until a dissection wound caused the loss of a portion of his right forefinger, after which he devoted himself to the practice of medicine. Few have done more, by his lectures and his example, to elevate the Dublin School of Medicine to its present elevated condition.

At Guernsey, on November 23, Dr. Halahan, Inspector General of Hospitals, late Royal Artillery.

In Dublin, on 26th Nov., Mr. Thomas Johnston Atkinson, Surgeon 31st Regiment.

In Corunna, Michigan, on the 27th November, of Typhoid fever, Dr. Robert Duncan, aged 34 years, fourth son of Mr. William Duncan, Granby, E. T.

At Sorel, on the 14th Dec., A. R. Pantaleon, infant son of Dr. P. Cadieux, aged 2 years.

At Truxillo, in the Province of Honduras, on September 20th, William McCombie, Esq., Assistant Surgeon on board H. M. (S.S.) *Icarus*, in the 24th year of his age.

At Quebec, on the 21st December, after a long and protracted illness, Dr. Joseph Lizotte, aged 59 years.

At Freligsburgh, C. E., on the 28th December, Bates Cooke, eldest son of the late S. P. Barnum, M. D., aged 19 years. This estimable young man began the study of medicine by attending, at McGill College, the session of 1858-59. Attacked by acute articular rheumatism, his heart suffered from Pericarditis by metastasis, and he succumbed after two years of suffering.

At his residence, North Cayuga, on the 23d ult., Dr. James Mitchell, in the 68th year of his age.