

Among his other qualifications, Dr. Hamilton must have had intellectual taste; see the following:

## CYCLOPEDIAN SOCIETY.

"Those who have accounts against the Cyclopedian Society are requested to furnish them before 20th March, next, for payment to me.

S. S. HAMILTON,  
February 14, 1824. Medical Hall, Germain Street."

At that time, the City had two Libraries, The St. John Society Library, formed in 1811, and the Eclectic, formed in 1821. The former was a joint stock concern, limited in subscribers, first to fifty and afterwards to one hundred.

The Eclectic was the more democratic in its caste, and open to all wishing to subscribe. It was managed by twenty-five young men. In its prospectus, it is stated, the object of its formation was, to put it in the power of every class in the community to acquire knowledge on every interesting subject. The year Dr. Hamilton cast in his lot with the citizens of St. John, the officers of The Eclectic Library were James Patterson, President, William B. Kinnear, Vice-President, John Boyd, M. D., Treasurer, T. B. Millidge, Secretary, Moses H. Perley, Assistant Secretary, John Wesley McLeod, Librarian. In 1830, the St. John Society Library absorbed the Eclectic. In turn, the former disappeared, for in 1868, after a history of 57 years, its 6343 volumes, many of them rare and valuable, were scattered by the hammer of the patriarch of the St. John auctioneers, W. D. W. Hubbard. The last work on its catalogue was, "Running the Gauntlet," a fitting name for a library, scattered as it was. Had it been made the foundation for a Free Public Library, its proprietors would have secured a niche in the temple of fame, in place of the twenty-five cents per volume, distributed among them.

Dr. Hamilton, as a surgeon, stood high in the profession in days when operations were of a more heroic nature than today, for ether, by which amputation becomes painless, was then unknown. Of surgery, a distinguished doctor in Boston wrote: "It is a business which requires a combination of intellectual, physical and scientific qualities. To do justice to surgical operations, a surgeon must not only be clear-headed, of indomitable courage, but of a fair mechanical turn." Whatever Dr. Hamilton's scientific attainments were, one thing is sure, he had no equal in the profession from the physical standpoint, for he was of the medical men of St. John the largest. For years he had a drug