

poisoning from the drug, but *are due to syncope resulting either from the pain of an operation commenced too soon, or from fear.*"

Dr. Rudolf quotes Sir J. Y. Simpson, Brodie, Cooper, Home, Travers, Snow and others, all of whom recognize this form of death during chloroform anesthesia, and remarks that "the distinction between deaths from chloroform and deaths simply occurring during the administration of chloroform is even more important to-day than it was in Simpson's time. Nowadays so many patients have a dread of chloroform, that one would expect cases of syncope to occur occasionally when they are going under the anesthetic and are still conscious and afraid."

With these views before us, the inadvisability of allowing any reports of accidents occurring during anesthesia to get into the lay press is evident. Such reports can do no good and may lead to deaths, by producing a dangerous state of nervous dread in those about to undergo anesthesia.

SIR JAMES GRANT'S JUBILEE. ' 1

We desire to congratulate Sir James Grant on the recent celebration of his jubilee in the medical profession. He entertained his friends at a dinner and smoking concert in St Andrew's Hall, February 4th. Sir Frederick Borden, in proposing the health of Sir James, spoke very highly of the work he had done for the medical profession of Canada. Sir James in returning thanks indulged in many interesting reminiscences of his experience during his fifty years of almost continuous professional work.

Sir James was born in Scotland, but came out to Canada when a young lad with his father, a physician, who settled in Glengarry County. He was educated in Queen's and McGill Universities, and passed his examination for M.D. in the latter in 1853. Since that time he has practiced, and we hope will continue to practice for some time to come, in the city of Ottawa. He has always been a broad-minded and public-spirited man. For our profession he has done much, especially in connection with the Canadian Medical Association. He has also done much work for Canada in connection with matters non-medical.