

1812. He began his medical studies in this country, and completed them in London and Paris. For the past thirty years he has occupied a prominent and honorable position among the physicians of Quebec. Before the incorporation of the Quebec Medical School and Laval University, he delivered courses of lectures on Anatomy, Physiology and Surgery. He has been an extensive contributor to the medical press of the country, his work on "Cholera" being the most important of these. He occupied the position of President of the Canadian Medical Association in 1874. For many years he was President of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Quebec, of which he was senior Governor. He was also an honorary Fellow of the Botanical Society of London, a corresponding Fellow of the Medical Society of London and of various other learned and scientific bodies. At the time of his death he was an active member of the Quebec Central Board of Health. He was indefatigable in his efforts to prevent the smallpox from spreading to Quebec, and for the enforcement of means of preventing its ravages in this city. Dr. Marsden's death is a great public loss.

DR. A. H. SMITH, one of America's distinguished obstetricians, died at his home in Philadelphia, on the 14th December, after a long and painful illness. Dr. Smith was born in 1835, and was consequently fifty years of age,—and, although a comparatively young man, he has done a great deal for the advancement of his own particular specialty. He is best known abroad as having made a very important modification of Hodge's pessary. He was one of the founders of the American Gynecological Society, and was its president at the ninth annual meeting held last year. His death is sorely felt by those who knew him. Honest and modest in all his work and ways, he has passed away regretted; but his influence will long live to stimulate to good work those who knew his worth.

### Medical Items.

—J. B. Lawford, M.D., McGill, 1879, having passed the final examination in November last, was admitted to the Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of England on Dec. 10, 1885.

—Dr. Wm. Stephen has gone to practice his profession in South America. He sailed from Liverpool a month ago, and will fix his residence at Rosana, Argentine Republic.

—The *Johns-Hopkins University Circular* for October, 1885, contains in abstract three papers by Dr. T. W. Mills,