

tinued to improve himself some time longer in the knowledge and practice of his profession by means of the ample opportunities which that Metropolis supplies. On returning to his native city, he did not immediately attempt to push himself into practice; but spent some time in observing the peculiarities of the climate, and the habits of the people, whose health he was one day to contribute his endeavours to preserve. When he afterwards devoted himself to the practice of his profession, he early endeared himself to a numerous circle of patients. His lively and cheering manners, no less than his knowledge of medicine, procured him their respect and gratitude. The disease which carried him off, was a fever, caught in the assiduous discharge of his medical duties. He was thus cut off at an early period of life, leaving a widow and several children to lament their irretrievable loss. He was several years a member of this Society, which, with the rest of the community, deplores his premature decease.

Mr. SAMUEL NEILSON was also a native of Quebec. He, too, received a regular classical education in this city, under Mr. WILKIE, and afterwards attended the usual course in the University of Glasgow, being always distinguished for a quick and vigorous understanding. In 1822, he succeeded his father as Proprietor and Editor of the *Quebec Gazette*, which had continued to be conducted by some branch of the same family since the year 1763, being the first public Journal that had been established in this Province. He continued to conduct this paper with an enlightened and independent mind, till the summer of 1836, when the state of his health rendered it necessary for him to seek the benefit of a warmer climate. After spending several months in the Island of Madeira and in the Mediterranean, he embarked for New York on his way to the place of his nativity, but died on Staten Island before arriving at New York. Destined as the press is to perform a great and powerful office in the progress of civilization, one cannot but wish that its force should always be wielded by hands so upright, and directed by a mind so cultivated.

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