

he accepted. He continued in that office during the remainder of Dr. Swinburne's term of office, and until that of Dr. Carnochan, was brought to an abrupt termination. He then commenced practice in New York, and while brilliant success was not his, he was, in the opinion of those most competent to judge, laying the foundation of a solid and permanent reputation. Dr. Reid's zeal was untiring, with great capacity for labour. His memory was most retentive, rarely forgetting anything he had ever read. But what most endeared him to those around him was a modest demeanour, a mild and gentle manner, and a delicate appreciation and practice of what was right and honorable. A widow and one child survive him.

Medical Items.

PERSONAL.—W. R. Sutherland, M.D., has been appointed curator of the museum of the Medical Faculty McGill University.

—A vigorous effort is being made by Oliver Wendell Holmes and others to secure an endowment for Harvard Medical School. \$500,000 is the amount named. The effort will doubtless be successful. The regular course of four years will then be made obligatory upon all its graduates.

A WAIST LARGER THAN LIFE :

“ Still she strains the aching clasp,
That binds her virgin zone ;
I know it hurts her, though she looks
As cheerful as she can—
Her waist is larger than her life,
For life is but a span.”

—*Dr. O. W. Holmes.*

—An Evangelical of Hobart, Australia, it is said, refused to permit his child to be vaccinated, because the virus came from a member of the family of a Ritualist. He indignantly declared that his child should not be inoculated with Ritualism. “ On the vaccination theory,” says the *Independent*, “ he did not act wisely. If the child had been inoculated, he could have only a very mild attack of Ritualism, a sort of religious varioloid.”