

then unknown. His was the era of Epsom salts, the blue pill, castor oil, court plaster and bleeding.

At the time of Dr. Cook's death, in 1845, at the age of 47 years he was associated in practice with Dr. Miller.

DR. SAMUEL G. HAMILTON.

It was in 1823 Ireland's first contribution to St. John's medical staff was made by the arrival of Samuel G. Hamilton, and long was that year remembered, for the ship *Marcus Hill*, Thomas Bryson, master, with a large number of passengers from Londonderry, arrived on Sunday, July 6, with small pox on board. In place of stopping at the Island she sailed to a wharf before the health officers knew of her arrival.

The vessel, on its being discovered that sickness was on board, was ordered to the quarantine grounds. It was said a number of passengers had landed and were sent to the country. Notwithstanding the care now taken it was too late. In the "*Star*," two months after, was the following editorial :

"We regret to state that the small pox continues in various parts of our city. It is our melancholy task this day to record in our obituary list, the death of a very promising young man, who was carried off by this malignant disorder, in the short space of one week, leaving a widowed mother, and many affectionate friends to deplore the loss which society has sustained. We tremble to think of the extent to which this loathsome disease may spread its ravages."

OBITUARY.

DIED — on Sunday morning, 9th September, 1823, of the Small Pox, ELIJAH MILES SMITH, son of the late Dr. William Howe Smith, in the 23 year of his age. Universally and sincerely regretted."

BY AUTHORITY.

In consequence of the continued prevalency of the "Small Pox" in this city, a meeting of the "Provincial Vaccine Institution," was held 31st December, at the Coffee House, which was attended by the medical gentlemen, civil and military, who expressed their unanimous confidence in the efficacy of vaccination against the contagion of Small Pox, and consider it as complete a preventative as is the Small Pox against its own future occurrence.