

DR. MARSHALL HALL.

This distinguished physician, who has during the last six months visited many of the cities of the American Union, arrived in this city on the 11th ultimo and left it again on the 17th. He had previously spent some days with his professional friends in Toronto and Quebec. During his residence here, all the leading practitioners of the place, and a few from the vicinity, called upon him, and were much pleased with his urbanity of manner, easy address, and readiness to communicate on subjects which have engaged his attention during a long and active life. On the evening of the 15th, he performed a number of experiments, which will be published in our October number, in the rooms of the Natural History Society before a highly respectable audience; and, on the succeeding evening, delivered a lecture at a *conversazione* held in the same rooms. At the close of the lecture, Prof. Holmes, who was deputed by the members of the medical profession present, addressed Dr. Hall as follows:—In my own name, and on behalf of my professional brethren now present, I would express to you, Sir, the gratification we all feel by the presence amongst us of one who has earned for himself, by his painstaking researches and successful investigations into the physiology of the nervous system, an enduring place in the annals of our noble profession. For the opportunity to make your acquaintance, which you have afforded us in this visit; for the interesting experiments which you have performed in our presence, and for the highly instructive lecture delivered this evening, you have our sincere thanks. We shall ever recal the circumstances of your visit with feelings of pleasure; and we trust, that in the reminiscences of your tour through America, that of your sojourn in Montreal may not be among the least pleasing.

Major Lachlan, President of the Natural History Society, then came forward, and, presenting Dr. Hall with the honorary degree of the society, said:—I have much pleasure in being deputed by the members of the Natural History Society of Montreal to present you with the diploma of honorary member of that society,—voted by acclamation at their last meeting,—as a mark of their estimation of your well-earned high professional character, as well as of your valuable contributions to science generally, and in the hope that that document will occasionally serve as an additional agreeable memorandum of your visit to Montreal.

Dr. Marshall Hall replied:—I thank you, Prof. Holmes, and the gentlemen here present, and especially the gallant President of the Natural History Society of Montreal, for the kindness and the honour done me this day. My chief desire is to deserve well of my profession, and to live in the esteem of my professional brethren; and every proof that that desire has been attained, is a source of extreme gratification to me. I may well, therefore, be pleased with the events of this evening.