

M.B., he went to England, and entered at Guy's Hospital, London, where he passed and received the diploma of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. Soon after he was placed in medical charge of a detachment of her Majesty's troops on the voyage to India. Immediately on the troops being landed in India, he was placed in medical charge of the Hon. East India Co.'s invalids bound for England. He received the highest encomiums for both services, and was allowed to present himself for the commission of surgeon in the company's service. At the East India House, in July, 1858, after six days examination of thirty-nine candidates, his name was placed No. 2 on the first class, No. 1 being one of the teachers in Guy's Hospital, so that Mr. Mackenzie took precedence of thirty-seven of the picked men of Edinburgh, Dublin and London. He got his commission and (an unusual favor) his choice of Presidency, and a present of a free overland passage to India, equal to £105 sterling. Dr. Mackenzie had no patronage, but his own abilities, and is the first medical student from Canada who has ever competed for the commission of the H.E.I.C.

MRS. MOODIE.

SUSANNA MOODIE was born on the 6th of December, 1803. She is the sixth daughter of the late Thomas Strickland, Esquire, of Beydon Hall, Suffolk, England. This family is, indeed, a most talented one; out of six daughters five are more or less celebrated as writers for the press. Elizabeth, the eldest, has written for and still conducts, several well known magazines in London, (G.B.) although her name never appears to the public. Agnes, who is the best known, principally through her many and masterly historical works and novels. Jane Margaret, who bears a reputation for her religious works, although in her earlier days she wrote tales and poetical pieces to suit the times. She lately published a history of Rome*; then comes Mrs. Traill, of whom we speak elsewhere, and last but not least, Mrs. Moodie, the subject of this notice. Another member of this family is Colonel Strickland, of Peterborough, C.W., who has resided in the province since his boyhood, and obtained his rank through serving in our militia during the rebellion.

Mrs. Moodie lost her father at the early age of thirteen, by whom she was educated. Mr. Strickland had been a man of some

* *"Rome, Regal and Republican,"*