

THE LATE DR. JAMES SAMPSON.

A correspondent sends us the following obituary notice upon late Dr. Sampson of Kingston. The notice was prepared in haste to meet the present issue of the "British American Journal," and the dates may be somewhat inexact, but the facts have been carefully collated.

Dr. Sampson was born at Banbridge in Ireland, according to the Canadian Journal, in 1790, but in reality perhaps two or three years earlier than this date. He matriculated in Trinity College, Dublin, and served his time with an eminent Surgeon of that city. He was in London in 1808-9-10, and entered as a Student of the Middlesex Hospital. He pursued his studies with great intelligence and assiduity, and attracted the attention of Mr. Jiberns then, Senior Surgeon to the Hospital, who appointed him Clinical assistant. Soon after the establishment of a Military Hospital at Chelsea under Major General John Burnet, who had previously commanded one of the Military Districts in Ireland, a number of Hospital assistants were selected, and among them James Sampson. This was the commencement of his Military Medical career; the Hospital was named after the then commander in chief, Duke of York Hospital. The medical department of this date was under the direction of an Inspector of Hospitals, Dr. Price, and among the medical men attached to it were J. C. Carpue, F.R.S., afterwards a very successful teacher of Anatomy: G. J. Guthrie afterwards Surgeon General to the Army in the Peninsula, and William Price, a younger brother of Dr. Price, afterwards Apothecary General to the Army of occupation in France, and with this last gentleman the writer of the present notice, a dozen years later, became an articulated pupil, and from him the facts in regard to Dr. Sampson's early career were chiefly gleaned.

Among the Staff Surgeons at York Hospital the young Assistant was noted for his earnest devotion to Hospital duty, his fondness for *post mortem* examinations, and his skill and precision in performing the minor operations of Surgery. About this time many invalids were sent home *via* Malta and Gibraltar, suffering from Ophthalmia, contracted during the campaign in Egypt. One of the Staff Surgeons at York Hospital to which all invalids from the Army were sent, was Mr. Ware, afterwards the most eminent Surgeon Oculist of his day. Under this gentleman the young Hospital assistant acquired much knowledge and skill in the diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the eye, as under Messrs Carpue and Guthrie he had previously acquired a perfect familiarity with all the details of Military Surgery. In respect to Medicine the Inspector, Dr. Price, was a very able and learned physician, but a pedantic Welshman of the old School, fond of using the dead languages in his communications to his assistants, and of interlarding his clinics with Latin quotations. Dr. Sampson has often laughingly told the writer in referring to his early reminiscences, and to the facility with which the youthful mind was influenced by early associations, that he acquired his curt speech and didactic style from the blunt Englishman, Joberns, and his pedantry and love of Latin quotation from the pragmatic Welshman, Price.

While performing his duties as assistant at the Military Hospital, he also continued his attendance at the civil Hospital, and perfected himself in all the