

1835. The Dictionary of National Biography says: "His services in Washington covered one of the most interesting periods in American history. He was intimate with such men as Story and Clay, and he had to watch such burning questions as that of the boundary of Canada, the position of the South American Republics, the slave trade and the tariff." He was sent to Constantinople in 1837, and died in London in 1849.

DR. H. J. HAMILTON'S BEQUESTS

The Imperial Trusts Co. has been granted probate of the will of Dr. James Herbert Hamilton, secretary of the Academy of Medicine, and a member of the Board of Governors of St. Andrew's College, who died in Wellesley Hospital, February 5th, leaving \$2,102 in household goods, personal effects, medical books and instruments, \$3,512 in book debts and promissory notes, \$14,847 secured by mortgages, \$7,000 insurance, \$652 cash, an auto, valued at \$400; four shares Publishers' Association of Canada, \$4; Masonic Temple Corporation bonds, \$6,323; the property at 220 Bloor west, valued at \$27,580, and a vacant lot on Greenwood Ave., \$1,200.

He left his clothing and a marble mantel clock to his brother, Albert G. Hamilton, Melita, Man.; the Hamilton family grandfather's clock to his sister, Mrs. Ada Howell, Guelph, and his medical books and surgical instruments to the Academy of Medicine. After providing legacies of \$5,000 each for his sister, Mrs. Howell, and his cousin, Minnie Alexander, Toronto, he directed that the income from the residue be equally divided between St. Andrew's College, Mrs. Howell and his cousin, Minnie Alexander. On the death of these two beneficiaries, the estate passes to St. Andrew's College.

LEGISLATION RE OPIUM

Hon. N. W. Rowell introduced in the House on April 23rd, amendments to the Opium and Drug Act, which, it is expected, will meet most of the objections raised by the representatives of the drug trade when they recently waited on the Government. The principal amendment will change the original bill so that bona fide druggists will not be prevented from selling remedies which do not contain more than two grains of opium, or more than one-quarter of a grain of heroin, or more than one grain of codelin, nor will it prevent a druggist selling liniments, ointments or other preparations which are for external skin use only which do not contain cocaine or any of its salts. However, every such preparation must contain active medicinal drugs other than narcotic in sufficient proportion to confer upon the remedy valuable medicinal qualities other than contained in the narcotic drugs.