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SIR JAMES GRANT.



THE OWL has much pleasure in presenting in this issue the portrait, and a short biographical sketch of the member-elect for the City of Ottawa in the House of Commons.

We feel that space can never be devoted to a better object than to bringing to the notice of our readers, especially of students, some of those who have obtained great success in their efforts for the advancement of our fair Dominion. What makes us welcome, with more than ordinary heartiness, an opportunity of giving a page or two to Sir James Grant's career, is that whilst distinguishing himself in his profession and by his services to the state, his deep interest in higher education long ago made him one of the firmest friends of our *Alma Mater*.

Sir James Grant was born in Inverness-shire in Scotland, in the year 1830, but was brought to this country in his mother's arms. His early arrival in Canada, and his unflinching loyalty to the land of his adoption, entitle him to the claim of being a thorough Canadian. He comes of good old Highland stock, *The Grants of Corrimony*, and he now has the distinguished honor of being the chief of that family. His father was Dr. James Grant of Edinburgh, and afterwards a prominent surgeon in Glengarry, Ontario, the "Scotland of Canada." His grandfather was a writer of note, being the author of "Essays on the Origin of Society," and of the "Origin of the Gael." For this latter the author received great praise from the critics of his native land. The subject of this sketch attended the

common schools of Glengarry County, and then took a course in arts in Queen's University, Kingston. Adopting medicine as his profession, he made his professional studies in the famed medical school of McGill College, Montreal, graduating in 1854. He at once settled in Ottawa, where from the first, his success at his chosen calling was decided, because he not only possessed all the learning and practical knowledge necessary for a good physician, but was also graced with that urbanity and charm of manner so desirable in the medical profession. Sir James' success is perhaps best proved by enumerating some of the honors which have fallen thick and fast upon his worthy shoulders. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of London, Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, Member of the Geological Society of England, Member of the Royal Society of Canada, Corresponding Member of the Boston Gynecological Society, was a Member of the International Medical Congress held at Philadelphia in the year 1876, and was by that body appointed one of the vice-presidents of the surgical department; he is consulting surgeon of the Catholic and Protestant Hospitals of Ottawa, Ex-President of the Dominion Medical Association and representative of the University of Ottawa in the Medical Council of Ontario. Besides all these honors he has been the attending physician at Rideau Hall during all the *régimes* since the time of Lord Monck.

As a contributor to the leading medical journals of this country and of Europe, Dr. Grant's erudition and elegance of style have placed him in the front rank. Be-