

tion of a title, he published a work in two volumes on "The Life and Times of Robert Gib, Lord of Carribber, Familiar Servitor and Master of the Stables to King James V. of Scotland," with notes of his descendants who held offices of trust near the person of the Sovereign in the reigns of Queen Mary, James VI. of Scotland and I. of England, and Charles I., compiled from the Public Records; London, Longmans, Green & Co., 1874. This is somewhat dry reading, as it refers chiefly to family matters, of interest no doubt to many; but, besides dry matters of personal history, there are many circumstances and facts of an historical character interspersed which add somewhat to the general interest of the book. This portion of his career we must close, with sincere regret that it should have ever become our duty to record. One of the last papers he contributed to medical science was entitled "Division of the Isthmus to relieve Dyspnœa in Certain Cases of Bronchocile." This article will be found in the *Lancet* of January 23rd, 1875, page 120. His suggestion has been favorably received by the profession. Some time in April, 1875, he was attacked with what appeared to be pleuro-pneumonia of the left lung. From this he never entirely recovered. Serious changes occurred: the right lung and liver became engaged in the disease, and he finally sank, and died on the 16th February ultimo, at the age of 55 years.

A MODEST REQUEST.

We observe that at a recent meeting of the Health Committee, presided over by His Worship the Mayor, a most modest demand was made by Dr. George Baynes, who, according to the newspaper report, requested to be appointed with authority to publish an eight-page monthly journal strictly devoted to health matters; and further, that a remuneration of \$300 be given for that purpose. We think that if the Corporation of the city of Montreal are going into the printing business, they had better adopt the usual course and advertise for tenders.