

ing landed at New York, he was permitted to proceed to the Niagara frontier, where, after some delay, he was allowed, under a flag of truce, to cross to the Canadian side. Up to his last years he would refer to the kindly way in which he was treated by the American surgeons, and other officers while he was detained at Niagara. It is not our intention to dwell upon the political history of Dr Rolph. As a member of Parliament, and as a cabinet minister he won considerable distinction. As a Reformer and opposed to the old "Family Compact," he earned the good will of many Upper Canadians, and for many a day was an earnest champion of the liberal party. It was often said of him, that he had studied the three professions of Law, Medicine, and Divinity. How far this was true of the last we are unprepared to say. But, at all events, he was a member of both the legal and medical professions. We shall refer only to his medical career. He studied medicine at St Thomas' Hospital before the separation of Guy's, and was wont to speak of the worthies of British surgery who, at the beginning of the present century, filled the various chairs of that celebrated institution. Having procured the diploma of the Royal College of Surgeons, London, he followed his father's family to Canada. He practiced medicine for a time at Dundas and subsequently settled in Toronto. It was not long before he secured a large and respectable practice which he continued to enjoy until the events of 1836 and 7 drove him away. He selected Rochester, New York, for his home while an exile, where he lived until 1843, when he returned to Toronto. It was not long before he regained his practice, and always continued to possess the unlimited confidence of the people as a skilful practitioner. At the time he entered the Government in 1851, his practice must have been one of great value, which was transferred to another, still on his returning to practice some years later, he rapidly built up, for a third time, a lucrative professional business. Thus he only relinquished when age made it no longer possible for him to discharge the duties of active work.

But it was as a teacher of medicine that the subject of our notice more particularly achieved a name unsurpassed in the profession, in any country, or at any time. Even while he was an exile at Rochester, Canadians were with him studying medicine and after he came back to Toronto, he very shortly had about him a class of students who delighted to sit at his feet, listening to the words of learning from the eloquent teacher. Dr. Rolph is the founder of the two medical schools now existing in Toronto. Many years ago, while he was alone in giving instruction,