

## JOHN B. GIBSON. M.D.

Dr. John B. Gibson was born in Lanark, Scotland, in the year 1825. His father was a practising surgeon in Lanark, and there he received his early education in the high school. At fifteen years of age he entered his uncle's office in Glasgow with the intention of following up a mercantile career, but three or four years later, tiring of the counting house he was attracted to Canada as so many other young men have been who were destined for other careers.

His first venture was to purchase a farm in Shefford, thinking he would like the free life of a farmer, but in a short time he tired of it and directed his mind toward the study of medicine. He graduated at Castleton, Vt., early in the fifties and began his professional work with the late Dr. Butler of Dunham, P. Q. After taking his degree from McGill in 1855, he opened an office in Clarenceville, P. Q., where he remained for about three years, when he removed to Dunham. Here he married a daughter of the late Wm. Baker of Dunham. He passed nearly a quarter of a century of a very active professional life, enjoying the confidence of both his *confrères* and his patients. In 1881, he removed to Cowansville, where he resided until his decease.

Dr. Gibson was elected a governor of the College of Physicians and Surgeons soon after its organization, and continued in office until his death. During a portion of this time he was Vice-President, and for many years one of the Assessors. He was actively connected with the Volunteers for over thirty years, first as Asst.-Surgeon to the 60th Missisquoi, and later as Surgeon to the Shefford Field Battery. He was present at both Fenian raids, being at Eccles Hill with the Home Guards during the engagement and before the arrival of the regulars.

His public spirit always led him to take an active part in municipal affairs, being often elected councillor, mayor, school commissioner, &c. Being an active magistrate he was often called upon to administer the law, and this