

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Dr. William Robertson, which took place at his residence in Great St. James Street. For some months previously to his decease, Dr. Robertson had been a sufferer—latterly manifest indications of sinking appeared, and forty-eight hours before the end of his days, the powers of nature rapidly becoming exhausted, he expired on the night of the 18th July.

Dr. Robertson was a native of Perthshire, Scotland : he volunteered at a tender age into a seneible regiment, raised at the period of the disturbances in Ireland, towards the end of the last century, in which country he served for some time. On his return to Scotland he commenced the study of Medicine in Edinburgh, where he passed his examinations with credit; and, almost without any delay, was appointed Assistant Surgeon to the 49th Regiment, which he joined at Cape Breton Island in 1806; in which and the adjacent Province he did duty till the commencement of the war in 1812; he then accompanied his Regiment to the Niagara frontier, and was present at the storming of Fort Niagara. At the declaration of peace in 1815, he retired on half pay, and settled as a practitioner in this city, and for a term of nearly eight and twenty years, he was one of the first physicians in this country.

Dr. Robertson was known to the greater number of our readers, and we say not too much, when we assert that he was eminently endowed with many of the sterling qualities which tend to confer at once a usefulness and a blessing on Society. He was gifted with great powers of intellect, which were much increased by an indefatigable industry and an assiduous culture rarely equalled : indeed his systematic character, his unremitting study, in the midst of an extensive practice, would serve as models of instruction and encouragement to all who are anxious of following in the path leading to knowledge and wisdom. The fruits of such discipline attained perfect maturity. In the several social conditions of man's life he stood pre-eminent ; in him with quick sensibility were joined great forbearance of temper and benevolence of disposition ; delighting in the friendly communion of his confrères, invariably, scrupulously attentive to their claims, he was esteemed by all members of the profession, of which he was the chief ornament in Canada : the whole moral man crowned by a high and deep toned sense of rectitude and principle. In his practice he was ever active, energetic, fertile in expedients and most successful ; not only Physician,