

the Natural History Society of Montreal, (1827); Member of the Connecticut Academy of the Arts and Sciences of New Haven, (1830); and Corresponding member of the Literary and Historical Society of Quebec, (1830).

In 1853, Dr. Holmes was elected President of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Lower Canada, a duty which he fulfilled with marked ability during his triennial period. This was a well rendered tribute to his merits, the highest honour which could have been conferred upon him by the Profession of the Lower Province, which thoroughly recognized them.

Here we might pause, but if we did we should omit all allusion to what was Dr. Holmes' most striking characteristic. In every sense of the word he was the Christian gentleman. He carried into all his acts a most devout sense of the presence of his Maker, and what he did, was always to His glory. To use the words of a contemporary journal, "But high as was the position he attained in his profession, and as a medical man, he was not less distinguished as the Christian gentleman, ever actively employed in the service of his Divine Master. He was a member of the Church of England, and an active member of the Church Society, and of the Local Committee of the Colonial Church and School Society. He was also President for some time, and always an active member of the Montreal Auxiliary Bible Society, labouring most earnestly to promote its objects."

Such then were some of the works, and such the character of our deceased friend. We little thought when we commenced this biographical sketch, that it would have extended to the length which it has. We give it however as a tribute of sincere friendship to one, whom we loved as a brother while living, and whose worth will long

" . . . Linger<sup>\*</sup>ing haunt the greenest spot  
On memory's waste."

#### SMALL POX.

This loathsome disease has been more than ordinarily prevalent in the suburban districts of this city for some time past, and we regret to observe, that it has been even more so in Ottawa, where it has been propagated and fostered by inoculation. We have also cognizance that it exists, and has been spreading in the neighbourhood of Phillipsburg and the country surrounding that locality. This is much to be regretted, when so simple a means as vaccination would completely arrest it. So long, however, as this remedy is not made compulsory by the government, so long will this loathsome pest continue its ravages. The late Hon. Mr. De Blaqui re, at the last session of the Legislature, introduced a bill entitled, "An Act for the more general adoption of the practice of vaccination," based upon the English act of the same tenor. This, had it passed, would have prevented the misery and suffering now experienced. We do trust, that at the ensuing session of the Legislature, some member will be found, who will take the measure up, and see it carried. Such a man would deserve well of his country. A law does exist rendering the practice of inoculation penal; this act went only half way. We require one to make vaccination compulsory, and this