

A man who followed the more peaceful paths of life, was Dr. Andrew Fernando Holmes, born at Cadiz, in 1797. Dr. Holmes who was one of the foremost medical men of his time, collected while a student in Scotland, an extensive herbarium of plants, which later on he presented to McGill University. He was a recognized authority on botany, geology and mineralogy, and contributed many articles on these subjects, as well as writing the history of cholera in Montreal. In 1827 he established with others, The Medical Institution which finally in 1828, merged into that of McGill, of which Dr. Holmes was the Dean, and where he lectured on the Practice of Medicine till the time of his death.

One of the most illustrious names in Canadian medicine, is that of Sir George Duncan Gibb who was born at Montreal in 1821. Sir George founded the St. Lawrence School of Medicine where he held the chair of Institutes of Medicine and Comparative Anatomy, and to which he attracted by his marvellous powers as a lecturer and demonstrator, students from all parts of the country. He assisted in the founding of the Montreal Dispensary, delivered lectures each winter before the Natural History Society, Mercantile Library Association, and Addisonian Literary Society, was Curator and Librarian of the Natural History Society for four years, and devoted much time and attention to the arrangement of the Society's collection, presenting to that body before he left for England, the greater portion of his private museum numbering nearly 1500 specimens in Natural History, and miscellaneous objects of interest and curiosity. A review of Sir George Gibb's contributions to the medical press alone, would form a volume by itself, suffice it to say that during his ten years editorial connection with the *Lancet*, he supplied at least six columns of hospital matter each week, which is equivalent to 3120 columns for the 520 weeks, or ten volumes of the *Journal* of 760 pages each. Sir George Gibb might not incorrectly be termed a specialist in any branch of medicine, for there was no department of the science which he did not seem to have thoroughly mastered.

Dr. Archibald Hall, born at Montreal in 1812, and educated at Edinburgh, besides lecturing at McGill successively on materia medica, chemistry and obstetrics, was much devoted to botany, zoology and meteorology. Zoology, however, was his chief delight, as in 1839, we find him presented with the silver medal of the Natural History Society "as a prize for the best essay on the zoology of the district of Montreal."

As a medical writer, Dr. Hall is best known as the editor of the *British American Journal of Medical and Physical Science*, which he established in 1845, and conducted with great ability until its sus-