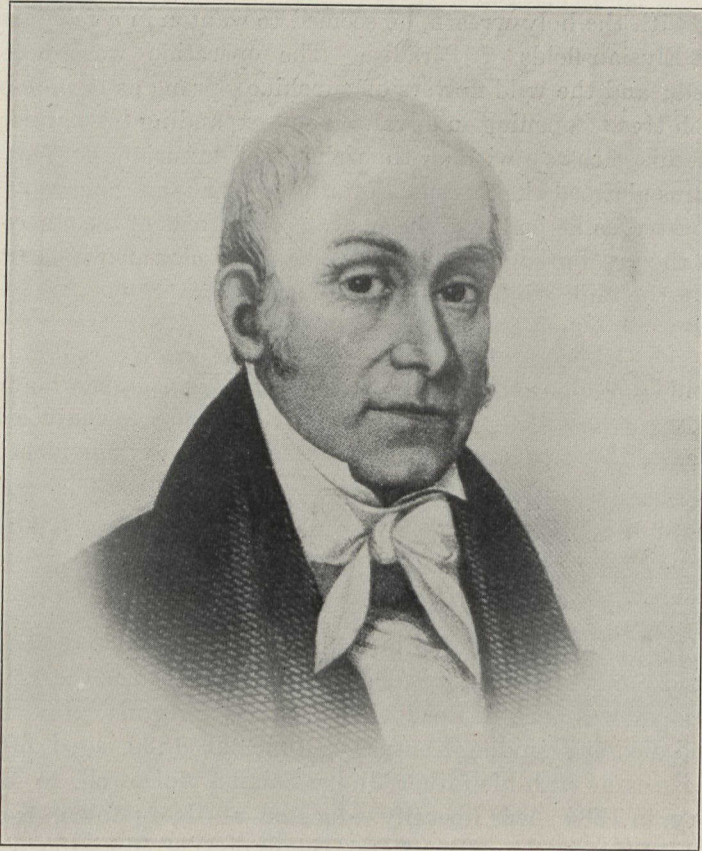


tined to lay the foundation for a great revolution in the *ars chirurgica*, and to become one of the greatest benefactors of the human race.

It has been truthfully said that great men, like great mountains, stand alone, with the valley of ancestry on the one side, and the gulf of posterity on the other. But history tells us, however, that this towering character did not stand alone, for the foothills of his ancestry were of decided magnitude. Excepting Doctor Brashear, of Bardstown (the first



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surgeon in the United States who successfully performed amputation at the hip-joint), early Kentucky and the West had no surgeon of distinction. The fame of Doctor McDowell's foreign tour and study drew to him a large practice; and for nearly a quarter of a century, until Doctor Benjamin W. Dudley, of Lexington, rose to eminence, he had almost undisputed possession of the surgical field of Kentucky and the Southwest "He was monarch of all he surveyed." He occasionally operated in the