

practice in Montreal; and, consequently, at the time of his death he had been upwards of four years a Physician in our city.—We have said that he graduated at Edinburgh, before his twenty-first year, with the highest honors. During his stay at the University he carried off several prizes, two of which were for Botany, one of his favorite studies. In Medical Science, Midwifery was the particular branch to which he devoted himself. He made it, indeed, to some extent, a special duty. In the year 1857 he was appointed to the newly-established chair of Botany in McGill College; and had nearly completed his first course of lectures when prostrated by illness. His class-lectures were distinguished by an intimate knowledge of his subject, clearness of illustration, and appreciation of the difficulties of learners, which gave earnest of the highest success as a teacher of this delightful branch of natural science. During his studies in Scotland, he made a large collection of Botanical specimens; and it was his delight, when time and opportunity offered, to add to and increase this from the great variety to be found on the Mountain, and in the vicinity of Montreal. He had commenced a detailed catalogue of Canadian plants, which it is hoped may be sufficiently advanced to be in part, at least, published; and which would have given him a high place in American Botany. Dr. Barnston held until the time of his death the office of Curator and Librarian to the Natural History Society. He was one of its most valued members, and foremost and most active friends. He read many interesting papers, and delivered many delightful, and instructive lectures, before its members; and among those of his own age, whom he has left behind, we fear the Society will find few upon whom his mantle will fall.—In private life, the Doctor was quiet, unassuming and gentle. There was something about him which provoked to love; and to those with whom he was intimate, he was a friend indeed. For a young man who had so lately entered upon the practice of a profession numbering so many old and honoured members, he enjoyed a large share of the public patronage; and his devoted attention at the bed-sides of his patients, and the uniform kindness and gentleness which characterized his treatment of them, would in time have assuredly gained him an extensive practice.—A constitution naturally