

a better field, he shortly after removed there, and in 1835 died, at the early age of 31 years, leaving a wife and three children.

#### DR. ALEXANDER PIDLER.

Dr. Pidler was the first English physician to take up permanent quarters at St. John, arriving in 1829 from Devonshire. He supplemented for a time his practice with teaching drawing and painting. He soon acquired a fair practice, chiefly among the working classes, often receiving his fee at each visit, avoiding thereby not only bookkeeping, but what is of more consequence, the making of bad debts, with which none are more familiar than physicians. He also speculated in real estate. The beautiful spot at the foot of the Reach, known as Harding's, Point he bought and lived there for a time. The building on the corner of Peel and Union, now the residence of Dr. Preston,\* was built by Dr. Pidler and was his residence, with office adjoining. In the latter years of his life, having secured a competency, he withdrew from practice, residing at the end of King street east, where he died at the age of 69 years, April 2, 1873. His widow, to whom he was married in England, long survived him. Dr. Pidler was of medium size, with one eye crossed.

#### DR. GEORGE HARDING

Was the eldest son of Alderman Thomas Harding, who died in 1854, at the age of 68 years. The alderman had a widowed sister, Mrs. Stenning, and having no children she educated two of her nephews, George and William S. Harding, for physicians. The property on the Market Square, long known as the London House, belonged to her. In 1818, the following card appeared :

Pastry Cook, Confectioner, and Loaf Bread Baker from Edinburgh, A. Alexander, respectfully informs the Inhabitants of this City, he intends to commence the above business in its various branches in the House of the late Mr. William Stenning, Market Square. Hot Rolls may be had every morning at 8 o'clock, sundays excepted.

Mrs. Alexander, begs to inform the Public that she was regularly instructed in the knowledge of midwifery, and trusts her experience will obtain a share of patronage in that line. Satisfactory testimonials can be shown.

As to the measure of success that attended this enterprising couple, history is silent. Between the bakery and the midwifery their bread

\* But now (1897) occupied by the Rev. John deSoyres, rector of St. John's Church.