

## Obituary.

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### JAMES STEWART, M.D.

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There appeared in our last issue an obituary notice of the late James Stewart, of Montreal. He was especially well known throughout the province of Ontario, and one of the most remarkable things in his career was the fact that he laid the foundation for his great reputation by careful research in a small country village while engaged in a very laborious practice. From this small country village he was brought to the great city of Montreal in consequence of his appointment to a professoriate in McGill Medical College.

We now reproduce the words of the Rev. James Barelay, spoken at the funeral ceremonies in St. Paul's Church, as we find them published in the *Montreal Medical Journal* :

"We are met to pay our tribute of respect and affection to one whose professional fame and whose personal worth were widely and gratefully recognized, not only in this city, but throughout the Dominion. Had he himself been asked what should be said on this occasion, he would have answered: 'Let little or nothing be said.' If ever there was a man who was content to live unnoticed, and who would have been content to die unnoticed, it was Dr. James Stewart. All the honors that came to him in life were unsought. They were thrust upon him as the inevitable reward of sterling work and genuine worth. He was a man of retiring and reticent nature, and of a singularly quiet and unobtrusive bearing, and it was only those who knew him well who knew the riches of both mind and heart that lay hidden behind the simple and unassuming manner. He bore his weight of knowledge and skill, and the burden of his honors 'lightly like a flower.'

"He was a member of a noble profession, and he further ennobled it by the integrity of his character and the unselfishness of his services, and he enriched it by his valuable contributions. He was devoted to his life's work—an earnest and faithful student in his earlier days, he continued still to be a student when he had been promoted to a high place in the rank of teachers. Simplicity, sincerity, reverence, unselfish kindness, these were the features of Dr. Stewart's character that most impressed those who had the privilege of knowing him. Honored as perhaps few men have been with the confidence and esteem of his professional brethren, revered with the respect and affection of his students, he was trusted and beloved by his patients and warmly appreciated by his personal