

in his profession, and entered on a course of preparation for Holy Orders. This he never completed, but, returning to the profession of Medicine, he quietly continued in its practice during the remainder of his life. He removed from Montreal to Upper Canada, and died either in Ottawa or Toronto, I am not certain in which city.

*Dr. William Fraser.*—Dr. William Fraser, of all the professors of the Faculty, was best entitled to the "honourable distinction" of being a "self-made man." He commenced the study of Medicine in the "College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow."

Like many a student from the Highlands of Scotland, of respectable parentage but of straightened circumstances, he had a hard struggle to overcome the difficulties he met with in his efforts to secure an entrance to the profession of his choice. By carefully husbanding his slender resources to make ends meet, by the practice of a rigid self-denial, by unremitting attention to his studies, by availing himself of every opportunity that presented of acquiring a knowledge of medicine, and by a closing of the teeth with a firm determination to succeed, he eventually reached the goal of his ambition, and received from the Glasgow institution a licence to practise Medicine and Surgery. After receiving his licence, he sailed for Canada, and arrived at Montreal, a young man without friends, without influence, and without the prospect of being able to earn a bare living. The courage, however, to adapt himself to circumstances, no matter how discouraging and trying they might be, the capacity to perceive and take advantage of any event that would conduce to his well-being or advancement, the self-reliant spirit that inspired confidence in his own efforts, and the firm determination to succeed, if success were within the limits of possibility, were all there, and by their influence and exercise he eventually triumphed over all obstacles, and secured for himself an honourable position amongst his fellows. His first appointment to the Faculty of Medicine was to the chair of Medical Jurisprudence, at the date of its foundation, in the year 1845. This he held for a period of four years, and was then transferred to the chair of Physiology, vacated by Dr. Robert L. MacDonnell. He occupied this position till his death, which occurred in the year 1872. Previously to his having attained a position in the Faculty, he had attended the course in medicine of the University, and had obtained the Degree of M.D., in the year 1836.

Dr. Fraser could not lay the least claim to oratorical abilities. He was an earnest, unemotional, emphatic speaker. In lecturing he