

OBITUARY.



IT is with regret that we chronicle the death of Sir Duncan Gibb, Bart., M.D., LL.D., F.G.S., &c. Born in Montreal, December 25, 1821; he died at the early age of 55, on the 16th February last.

Being of a studious turn of mind, he prepared for the University at Dr. Black's school, and graduating as M.D. from McGill, in 1846; he, in the following year, started on a visit to Europe. Returning in 1849, he at once commenced the practice of medicine in Montreal, where his indomitable energy soon led him to take a prominent part in the advancement of science and learning. Four years afterwards, (1853), he bade adieu to Canada, and took his residence in London, England, where he gained high honors in his profession, and among Scientific men.

During the four years of his professional career in this city, he was Curator and Librarian of the Natural History Society, and it was through his liberality and devotion that the Museum was brought to anything like its present condition; for, while devoting much of his valuable time to its arrangement, from his own collection it was enriched to the extent of over 1500 specimens. On his departure, a resolution was passed, thanking him for his "numerous and valuable contributions to the Museum," and expressing the Society's "best wishes for his future success and welfare."

Notwithstanding the pressing duties of his profession, and his many works published in connection therewith, he was a devout student of Natural History and Archæology, especially of his native country; having contributed a number of papers on these subjects to journals both in Great Britain and Canada. He also took a lively interest in the *Antiquarian* from its commencement, having favored it with several interesting papers relating to our archæological his-