

JAMES SYME, F.R.S.

The many admirers and pupils in Canada of the late Mr. Syme, will, we feel sure, accept with pleasure the portrait of him which accompanies the present number.

Medical News.

The Edinburgh Committee appointed to consider the best form for a national memorial to the late Sir James Y. Simpson, Bart., have decided to erect a suitable monument, including a statue; also if possible the establishment of an institution for the treatment of diseases of women, open to sufferers from any quarter—over £2,000, has been raised for a Syme testimonial.

Sir Thomas Watson has succeeded the late Sir James Clark as physician in ordinary to the Queen.

Alexis St Martin, the Canadian who was shot through the stomach, and upon whom Dr. Beaumont experimented, is still living at Duttonville, Vermont. He is married and has a family.

The record of vital statistics of the State of Massachusetts for the past year, develops some interesting facts. There were twice as many American marriages, as foreign ones. There were double the number of births to foreigners, that there were to natives. In Boston the proportion was 7 birth to the former and 3 to the latter. It is not hard we think to tell the cause for this.

A Dr. Carroll of Laurens County, Georgia, met with his death on the 2nd July, in a singular manner. He was approaching the house of a patient, late at night, when he was attacked by a fierce watch dog, who chased him to the front door. The proprietor of the house, hearing the noise rushed to the door with a gun, and shot the physician dead.

Dr. Gunning S. Bedford, died at New York, on the 5th September, aged 64 years. He was an eminent obstetrical writer.

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Writing at Ottawa, at the close of the session for 1870 of the Canadian Medical Association, we find ourselves chronicling events of more than ordinary interest to thoughtful physicians upon our own side of the border. Following the lead of the American Association, the principal men of the Dominion organized themselves into a national body, very soon after the confederation of the Provinces, adopting very closely our