

country. The latest article on the relations of bronchitis to other diseases of the lungs was written by Dr. W. T. Gairdner, of Edinburgh, in 1850. A review of the paper can be found in the *British and Foreign Medico-Chirurgical Review* for April, 1852. Each dissertation should be designated by a motto, and accompanied by an envelope, superscribed with the motto, and containing the writer's name and address. The sealed packet, accompanying the successful dissertation, will be broken, and the author's name announced at the annual meeting of the Society in May, 1859.

Dissertations for the above prize must be sent (post paid) to the Corresponding Secretary, Dr. Benj. E. Cotting, Roxbury, Mass, on or before April 15th, 1859.

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DEATH OF SIR PHILIP CRAMPTON, BART., SURGEON-GENERAL TO THE FORCES IN IRELAND.—It is our painful duty to record the death of (if not the ablest) certainly one of the first surgeons that the sister kingdom has ever produced. We allude to Sir Philip Crampton, who died at his residence, Merrion square, Dublin, 10th instant, in the eighty-second year of his age, having been born on the 7th of June 1777. At a very early age he embraced the military branch of medicine, serving as an Assistant-Surgeon in the disturbed times prior to 1798, and being present with a force which repulsed the landing of the French on the west coast of Ireland. Towards the close of that year he was nominated Surgeon to the Meath Hospital (one of the infirmaries of Dublin). This event determined him to relinquish the military for civil practice, and he accordingly settled in Dublin late in the autumn of 1790. He commenced business in a house in Dawson street, where he established himself as a teacher of anatomy, having a dissecting-room and medical-school fitted up in the rear of the premises. Here, in a loft over his stable, he first began to lecture, and his style of teaching, combined with his perfect knowledge of the subjects which he taught, soon obtained for him a large class of pupils, whilst his fame as a surgeon became equally established by his practice in the wards and by his skill as an operator in the theatre of the hospital. Combined with these professional qualifications he was possessed of a pleasantness of manner and a winning way, which, in the sick room, were irresistible, and he soon became a general favourite with the public. It was not, however, in mere conversation, or in the relation of anecdote, that Sir Philip Crampton excelled; his intellectual capacity was equally conspicuous upon whatever subject came before him. To a powerful mind, well cultivated and well stored in early youth, he daily added up to the latest period of his existence. His bodily powers equal-