

communication on the subject, whereas it had been printed as far back as 1844 in the *Montreal Medical Gazette*, and establishes his right to the discovery. The utility of this application is also everywhere admitted—a sure and lasting testimony in behalf of the deceased—like a second Jenner, his efforts for the relief of the one disease, will not be overlooked: by his discernment a means was found for lessening the severity of small-pox—of ameliorating its symptoms, and preventing the disfigurement that otherwise might have occurred. His clinical contributions were eight in number, and consisted chiefly of interesting cases and remarks; they afford good examples of his style of writing, which belonged essentially to the narrative variety; his descriptions were concise and comprehensive, and drawn up in proper connexion, without confusion. But, above all, his records were truthful; confining himself to his object, he never introduced any false colourings, he was content to read, to study nature, and so keen an observer of her had he become, that his perceptive faculties acquired a remarkable culture.

He was likewise a contributor to the *Montreal Medical Gazette*, and to the *British American Journal of Medical and Physical Sciences* that were formerly published in this city. These productions exhibit the ripening of a disposition for scientific pursuits, of which evidence was furnished in earlier life. In the year 1821 he graduated at the University of Edinburgh, and wrote an inaugural dissertation “de strictura in urethra.” This thesis was dedicated to his father, as well as to his preceptors Messrs. James Henthorn and Charles H. Todd, both of whom were at that time connected with the Royal College of Surgeons, in Ireland. Of them the latter was most often talked off by the pupil; he was professor of anatomy, surgery and physiology, an eminent surgeon, and one of the proposers of compression as a means of cure in aneurism, upon the plan lately revived by the Dublin School of Surgery. He is called in the thesis “*viro summa experientia et solertia prædito*”—page 2—and was the father of the present Dr. Robert B. Todd, the eminent physician of London, so well and favourably known to the profession as an author and teacher upon physiology and