

acquainted with the teachings of Laennec. We believe he was the first practitioner in Nova Scotia who regularly used the stethoscope as an aid to diagnosis. After completing his course in Paris he visited Spain, and while there acquired an excellent knowledge of the Spanish language.

In 1837 he returned to Halifax and as a general practitioner opened an office on the north side of George street, lately occupied by George Yates. Ere long he married Miss Ferguson, the only child of John Ferguson, Esq., of Halifax. In the course of a few years he removed to one of the stone houses on the west side of Granville street, near Duke. His last and well-known residence was in the same street where in past years many pleasant and profitable meetings of local professional societies were held.

Dr. Black soon after settling in Halifax obtained a large and remunerative practice and thoroughly gained and held the confidence of his patients. He was faithful and conscientious in relation to their interests and unlike many of us in these days devoted all his time to his profession.

In the first years of his practice like most of the early physicians in Halifax, he did much of his work on horseback. And on one or two occasions met with serious accidents, in consequence of being thrown from the saddle.

His competitors when he commenced practice were Drs. W.

B. Almon, Robert Hume, M. Hoffman, Alexander Sawers, Wm. Grigor, James Hume, Thomas Stirling and Charles Head. All these preceded him to the grave

As already intimated Dr. Black did not take any prominent part in social or political movements, but interested himself in every effort made to advance the profession, and filled all its posts of honour.

This journal found in him a warm supporter. His contributions were chiefly translations from Spanish periodicals.

Dr. Black in his intercourse with his professional brethren of all ages was always courteous, gentlemanly and kind, and his retirement from practice was generally regretted. He was well known to the profession throughout Nova Scotia and we may with certainty assume that all will join with us in extending to Mrs. Black and her family our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

At the last convocation of Dalhousie College and University Dr. Arthur Morrow was admitted to the *ad eundem* degree of Doctor of Medicine and Master of Surgery. This was a graceful act on the part of the University. Dr. Morrow has acted as one of the Examiners of the University in Physiology with satisfaction to all concerned. We congratulate Dr. Morrow upon this well merited tribute from a University which in the past has been very guarded in the granting of honorary degrees.