

Our subject was educated in the arts at the royal institution, Quebec, and medically at St. Thomas' hospital, London, Eng., and was licensed to practise in the spring of 1830. The degree of M.D. was long ago conferred upon him by both British and American colleges.

With the exception of a little more than five years—1842 to 1847—spent at Nicolet, where he had charge of the medical department of the college, Dr. Marsden has resided in the city of Quebec, where he is still engaged in select and consulting practice; he has been a medical examiner since 1834, being the oldest now living in this province.

The Doctor is ex-president of the Canadian Medical Association; ex-president and governor of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Lower Canada; honorary fellow of the Medico-Botanical society of London; corresponding fellow of the Medical Society of London; honorary member of the Montreal Pathological Society; honorary fellow of the Berkshire Medical Society and Lyceum of Natural History, and Doctor of Medicine (in honore); honorary fellow of the Medico-Chirurgical Society of New York; and of the Obstretical Society of Edinburgh; and corresponding member of the Gynæcological Society of Boston.

Seeing the necessity that existed for medical training before the organization of medical schools and colleges in Lower Canada, Dr. Marsden built a private dissecting room, and engaged as an independent lecturer on anatomy and physiology, materia-medica and botany, and several special subjects; and his lectures were accredited in Edinburgh as those of the incorporated schools and colleges.

He was the foremost man in originating and organizing the Dominion Medical Association, he bringing the subject before the College of Physicians and Surgeons at a meeting held in Montreal in May, 1867, the year of the completion of the work of Confederation; he made a report on the subject, but no action was then taken. The work was consummated, however, in October of the same year, when, by means of circulars sent out, every province of the Dominion was represented, Dr. Marsden being chairman of the committee of organization.

For more than forty years he has been very busy with the pen, writing largely, but not wholly on medical subjects. At one period of his life he edited the Quebec *Mercury*, one of the oldest newspapers in the province; he has also written many editorials and other articles for political papers.

He is the author of a series of progressive and somewhat prophetic letters on public subjects—transcontinental railroads, navigation and seat of government, which appeared in the Quebec *Gazette* and Toronto *Globe*, from time to time, during the past forty years.

His chief medical writings have been published in the *Edinburgh Medical and Surgical Journal* (quarterly), the *Edinburgh Medical Journal* (monthly), the *British American Journal of Medical and Physical Science*, the *Lancet*, the *Medical Chronicle* and *Montreal Monthly Journal of Medicine and Surgery*, the *Philadelphia Medical and Surgical Reporter*, the *British American Journal*, the *Upper Canada Journal of Medical, Physical and Surgical*