

Obituary.

PROFESSOR NEWALL MARTIN.

Lack of space in our last number, or more truly, the large number of other obituaries, prevented us from referring to the death in mature life of one, who perhaps accomplished more to raise in America an enthusiasm for exact scientific work in the domain of medicine and physiology than any other teacher of his time. Indeed Professor Newall Martin may be regarded as the Pioneer Physiologist of America. It was given to him to be the pioneer in other things. He was the first scholar in Natural Science to be appointed in Cambridge, England, and the first resident at the Hostel, or University Boarding-house, established by one whose death we recorded last month, namely, Sir George Murray Humphry, in order to encourage active minded young fellows to enter the university. That was in the days, when the old English Universities were still regarded more as the abiding-place of the well-to-do than as centres of learning properly so-called. Humphry told many stories of his old pupil. Before he left England, by his well-known little work published in conjunction with Michael Foster, he did much to stimulate the laboratory and practical teaching of physiology. What the Johns Hopkins, and the other universities of this continent owe to him it is difficult to say; and it is sad to think that one with such power of stimulating others should, while in the prime of life, sink rapidly and be cut off from his fellows.