

## THE LATE DR. CRAWFORD.

Our readers who have known his writings will, with ourselves, deplore the demise of James Crawford, M.D. Gifted with the ability to advance medical literature, and willing to exercise his trust, he frequently employed his pen in the improvement of these pages, and succeeded in elevating the original department of this journal, to a high standard of excellence. On him time has executed his commission, and we mourn that our collaborateur has been removed from among us—that we shall see his face no more—no more indeed until the day-star shall have arisen in our hearts. Till then *salve et vale*.

In recalling the departed to mind, we may profitably ponder over the obligations that have made us his debtors, and the claims he had upon the profession for their remembrance. The first article that introduced the *Medical Chronicle* to the world was his production, and future numbers contained many successors to the primitive earnest. Passing them in review, they are found to be two surgical communications, an essay on iodine in small-pox, and a series of contributions to clinical medicine. The surgical communications were descriptive of instruments he had invented for the compression of arteries, and for the adjustment of fractured clavicles; they displayed much ingenuity in their construction, and answered the ends intended. Exhibiting at the same time that their contriver possessed mechanical powers of no mean order. The paper on iodine was the continuation of a theme upon which he had formerly written. To him, by general consent, has been awarded the merit of having recommended the use of this agent as a local ecrotic in variola. That his inquiries upon this subject are well known, is exemplified by this little fact. A few days ago, while perusing a recent *Gazette des Hopitaux* of Paris, we remarked that the writer, in stating a Dr. Francois' success with the tincture, said, "Des experiences semblables, avec le meme resultat, étaient consignées en 1848 dans le *British American Journal* et M. Crawford, en 1853." A mistake, however, is here made in connecting his name with the date last recorded, for it implies that then appeared his first