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### JAMES BAYLIS.

In the death of Mr. James Baylis, which occurred last month at the ripe age of four-score years, the Homœopathic community of Montreal sustained the loss of one of its ablest supporters, most consistent believers and warmest friends. The name of Mr. Baylis was connected with organized homœopathy in Montreal from the date of its inception thirty-six years ago till the time of his death. On June 28th, 1863, he, in company with Messrs. Thomas McGinn, F. E. Grafton, J. A. Mathewson, and others, held a meeting in the Mechanics' Hall for the purpose of organizing the homœopaths of the city. This meeting resulted in the establishment of a dispensary, which was carried on for about two years, but was then abandoned, apparently, for want of financial support.

In March, 1865, James A. Mathewson, James Baylis, G. A. Holland, James Muir, Thomas McGinn, John Wanless, M.D., and F. E. Grafton were, by the Parliament of Canada, granted an act

incorporating them under the name of the Montreal Homœopathic Association to enable them to establish a dispensary, hospital and for other purposes. Mr. Baylis was a continuous member of the Association from the time of its incorporation, and took great interest in the establishment of the present hospital under its auspices. During the organization of the Hospital and while repairs and alterations were being made upon the building, Mr. Baylis gave the use of his drawing-rooms for the holding of the necessary preliminary meetings. He was elected first vice-president, and held that office till within about a month of his death, when he resigned it because of failing strength.

Mr. Baylis was a man of mental and physical courage and of great tenacity of purpose. He was a man also of prompt action, and what his hand found to do it did quickly. The removal of such a man from the active advocacy of the benign principles of homœopathy means a distinct loss, not only to his associates in the cause, but to the community generally. It therefore behoves his confreres who are left behind to take up the burden which he has laid down, and carry it forward with the same fidelity that he exhibited. The resolution passed by the Board of Governors at its last meeting, a copy of which appears in this issue, was a tribute well deserved by the character he bore throughout his life.

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