

student in medicine, for the last four years, and that he is a young gentleman of exemplary moral character, of good literary acquirement, and that he has, during my acquaintance with him, ever evinced a laudable desire to acquire professional knowledge. (Signed) James Sampson, Surgeon."

He also studied at Fairfield, and took a course of lectures at Jefferson College, Philadelphia, and graduated there. Returning to Canada, he passed the Upper Canada Medical Board, July, 1837, and received his license.

Dr. McLean practised at Belleville for a long time. He spent several years in Europe perfecting himself in his profession, and then returned to Kingston. His father had "left him well off in worldly goods; but the Doctor being of a generous nature, the money did not stay with him." The popularity of Dr. McLean is shown in the following extract from a communication from M. Flanagan, Esq., the much-respected City Clerk of Kingston. He says: "At a meeting of the common Council of the town of Kingston, April 7, 1846, Dr. Robert McLean was unanimously elected Mayor of Kingston, for the year ending first Monday in April, 1847; but his term of office expired with the old town on the 13th June, 1846, Kingston being then incorporated as a city. The Doctor, at this time, was one of the most popular men in Kingston, and it was considered at the time, he would, and could, contest this constituency with every prospect of success." It seems, however, that he did not seek parliamentary honours.

Dr. McLean was commissioned Surgeon of the 2nd Lennox Regiment of Militia, June, 1838. About the year 1850, he retired from practice, and passed his last days with his only surviving brother, Henry, who lived at the homestead, lot 19, concession 6, Ernesttown.

There is only one descendant of the family now living, Robt. McLean, of Harrowsmith.

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#### DR. JAMES MACAULAY.

Dr. Macaulay's association with Upper Canada began with that of Colonel Simcoe, the first Governor of the Province, in