

THE LATE SIR JAMES Y. SIMPSON, PROFESSOR OF MIDWIFERY, UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH.

We present to our readers with the present number of the *Journal*, a portrait of the late Sir James Y. Simpson, Professor of Midwifery in the University of Edinburgh. A personal acquaintance with the deceased enables us to pronounce the likeness an admirable one. As we gave a short *resumé* of the leading features in his eventful life in one of our recent numbers, we will not repeat them here, but simply state that his death has been a severe loss to the Edinburgh School.

In our next number we will give a portrait of the late Mr. Syme, Professor of Clinical Surgery, Edinburgh University. As we believe many of our readers may desire to preserve portraits of both Professors Simpson and Syme, our publishers have made arrangements to have them printed on a superior kind of paper, and sold at 25 cents each. Orders sent to Dawson Brothers, with the money enclosed, will be promptly attended to.

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McGILL UNIVERSITY.

The classes in the Medical Faculty of McGill University were opened on the 4th of October, the introductory lecture being delivered by Dr. Fraser. We understand that the class is a large one—the number of first year students being more than usually numerous.

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THE HON. DR. ROLPH.

It is with very deep regret that we have to announce the death of the Hon. Dr. Rolph, which took place a few days ago at Toronto. In a future number we may have occasion to refer to the conspicuous place occupied by the deceased in the political as well as medical world.

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ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

It may interest some of our readers to know that it is believed in official circles that there will be an examination in February next for admission to the Army Medical Department. There have been no admissions since October 1868, so that those who enter at the forthcoming examination will do so under comparatively favorable auspices, as regard promotion, as there will be a hiatus of more than two years between those immediately above them.