

Obituary.

WILLIAM STEPHEN, M.D.—We have with much regret learnt of the death of Dr. Wm. Stephen, formerly of this city. Dr. S. was a graduate of McGill University, and a gentleman of high education and good attainments. After practising for some time in Montreal, inducements of a very promising nature were offered him to remove to the Argentine Republic. After spending a year in Vienna, he settled in Rosario, near Buenos Ayres. Here he became very popular, and was in the enjoyment of a large and lucrative practice. By some accident, when stepping upon a car, he fell, and was fatally injured. A bright and promising career has thus come prematurely to an end.

ALONZO CLARK, M.D., LL.D., died at his residence in New York after a long and painful illness, aged 80 years. Dr. Clark was for many years Professor of Pathology and Practical Medicine in the College of Physicians and Surgeons. For a long period he occupied a leading position as a consultant. He was widely known as a strenuous advocate of the use of very large doses of opium in peritonitis. This practice, however, never became popular, and at the present time it may be said to have very few supporters. Dr. Clark was an able and eloquent lecturer. He has left a name and an influence that will not readily die.

Medical Items.

—Lea Brothers & Co. of Philadelphia make the important announcement that, beginning with the year 1888, the *American Journal of the Medical Sciences* will be issued monthly. This great quarterly has been for more than half a century the leader and exponent of medical progress in America. The enterprising publishers, recognizing the spirit of the age, have determined that in future, as in the past, it will continue to occupy its worthy position.

SUCCUS ALTERANS IN RHEUMATISM AND SYPHILIS.—We are reliably informed that the preparation Succus Alterans (McDade) is becoming a very popular remedy with the profession, and being very extensively prescribed in general practice as an alterative tonic, aside from its use in syphilitic diseases. The good results from its use in treatment of rheumatism, of chronic character especially, is worthy of consideration. The remedy is certainly growing in favor, and as no great claims have ever been made for it, but simply placed upon its own merit, we think it could possess no higher recommendation.—*Indiana Med. Journal.*