

## Death of Dr. J. McCune Smith.

Dr. James McCune Smith, a well-known colored physician of this city, died in Williamsburgh, L. I., this morning. He was a native of this city, and was long known as one of the prominent men among the colored population. Studying medicine in Glasgow, he was graduated there with full honors, and began practice here about the year 1840. Aside from his profession, he was active in all measures intended to benefit the colored people. He was the originator of the Thomas-street school, the only one started and wholly controlled by colored people, and for many years occupied the position of treasurer of St. Phillip's (colored) Episcopal Church. As one of the delegation from that church who vainly endeavored to obtain admission to the Diocesan Convention, he came prominently before the public, but his efforts and those of his colleagues were thwarted by a vigorous opposition for several successive years.

Dr. Smith's discussion with Dr. Grant, in the old Broadway Tabernacle, will be remembered as one of the spiciest of public controversies. Grant claimed that the negro was but a connecting link between the brute creation and man; but Dr. Smith speedily refuted this theory, giving practical evidence, in the course of the debate, that the reviled black man was more than a match for at least one antagonist. Dr. Smith's life was active and useful, and his loss will be lamented.