

mines in the United States which have been in continual operation for a number of years, and which employ foreign laborers—miners who have worked in the mines of Cornwall, Austria, Italy or South Africa, and perhaps many other places before coming to this country—that are not more or less infected. These foreigners come to the Pacific Coast from Eastern ports, mostly from New York. They frequently stop en route at Eastern mines, in Pennsylvania, Michigan and other places, and there is no reason to believe that they do not infect these mines.

OBITUARY.

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It was with feelings of genuine sorrow that we learned of the death of this brilliant surgeon and gifted man. His death did not come as a surprise, for he had suffered for some time with diabetes. His heart became affected, and, towards the end, carbuncles made their appearance.

Dr. Ferguson was born in Ontario county 58 years ago. He graduated in 1881 from Trinity Medical College and University with the degrees M.D., C.M., with medal. He took an extensive postgraduate course in Britain, and did special work along with Sir William McEwen, of Glasgow.

On his return to Canada he located in Winnipeg, and became one of the founders of the Manitoba Medical College, in which he held the position of surgeon for some years. He then removed to Chicago to become professor of surgery in one of the medical colleges there. He held this position until the time of his death. He also held many prominent offices in medical societies.

He contributed many papers on surgical subjects, and often delivered before medical societies addresses on his chosen field of work. His great mistake was that of working too hard; but he was ever ready. When the call came to read a paper or deliver an address, he could be relied upon not to fail in response to that call. The final call came to him on 20th October, when he paid the last debt of an overworked, though unusually strong constitution.

There was some correspondence between him and Dr. Eddebohls as to who was entitled to the credit for the operation of decortication of the kidney in chronic Bright's disease. The result was a verdict in favor of the subject of this sketch. As an operator he was gifted with unique dexterity. In moments of extreme difficulty his nerve never failed, and his scientific knowledge and thorough technique carried him through as an easy victor.