

In Dr. Hamnet Hill, so recently our confrère, we were brought in contact with this past generation. He was one of the earliest doctors of Bytown and a vigorous life brought him to our own times. For fifty-seven years he lived in this city a loyal member of the profession, and one in whom we can find our ideal. Always dignified and in earnest. When in professional duty, there was no levity or frivolity, but when met with socially, no one was gifted with more life and humour. How vividly we can recall his presence during his last years; his vivacity and wit added to an evening's recreation, and I can fancy no better wish than that same light-heartedness may follow us into "the sere and yellow leaf." His time and energies were always at the service of the profession. He was never asked in vain to assist in the affairs of medicine—were it hospital questions, a medical society, or a question of public health—he was ever ready with his advice and experience. Dr. Hill eschewed politics and public life. Once only he stepped into the arena, and at the solicitations of friends was a candidate for the mayoralty—and, I think fortunately, was defeated by a few votes.

He was always a busy man, and his recreation was work in another line. When young his spare hours were devoted to amateur mechanics, his workshop and lathe were his amusements, and many surgical instruments and appliances were of his own make. In later years he amused himself with painting and sketching, and in his seventies he was an earnest pupil at the Art School.

Dr. Hill was born in London, Eng., December 15th, 1811. His father was John Wilkes Hill, surgeon. His medical studies were pursued at the London Hospital, and he took his M.R.C.S. in 1834. For three years he practised at Brighton, and in 1837 came to Canada. He lived in March until 1841, when he took up his residence in Bytown. For many years he lived in the stone house, now 425 Wellington Street, and later removed to his late residence in Wellington Street, since destroyed by fire.

He acquired an extensive and lucrative practice, and was much esteemed as a consultant. He prided himself upon his surgical skill, which partook of the boldness and dexterity of pre-anæsthetic days.

Dr. Hill was one of the incorporators of the Protestant Hospital, and for some years after its foundation was attending physician, and upon the appointment of Dr., now Sir James Grant, he