

Our Graduates' Column will be found an interesting communication from a correspondent in British Columbia. It is a pleasure to feel that the FORTNIGHTLY'S circulation is not confined entirely to Undergraduates. But this knowledge calls attention to an editorial responsibility— that of providing entertainment for two necessarily dis-

tingent classes of readers. Last week we received a postal card from Halifax, on which we are asked to discontinue a subscription, because the FORTNIGHTLY devotes so large a portion of its space to class-squibs, and these squibs make the writer "mad."

It is our painful duty to have to record the death of our beloved teacher, Dr. Thomas Johnson Alloway, Associate Professor of Gynecology in McGill University and Gynecologist to the Montreal General Hospital.

Doctor Alloway was born in Queen's County, Ireland, in 1844, and came to this country with his parents at an early age, his father, the late Captain Arthur Alloway, being a retired officer of H. M. 4th King's Own. His early education was received in Montreal, and he graduated in medicine in McGill in 1869. He proceeded immediately to Edinburgh, where he qualified himself for a position in the Royal Navy, by passing the conjoint examination of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons. While waiting for an appointment, he spent a year as resident surgeon of the Wandsworth Infirmary. Later, he was attached as assistant surgeon to H. M. S. "Hercules" of the Channel fleet, where he served for a period of three years. He then returned to Montreal, and entered into general practice. For a number of years he was connected with the Montreal Dispensary as gynecologist; resigning in May, 1887, when appointed Assistant Surgeon to the Montreal General Hospital; and two years later, having decided to devote himself exclusively to gynecology, he was appointed assistant gynecologist to that institution. On the resignation of Dr. William Gardner to accept his present position in the Royal Victoria Hospital, Dr. Alloway was appointed in his place as gynecologist-in-chief. He continued in that capacity up to the time of his death, and in fact performed an

important and difficult operation only three days before. He became attached to McGill Medical Faculty as demonstrator in 1888, and was rapidly promoted to the position of lecturer, assistant professor and associate professor.

For many years Dr. Alloway occupied a leading position among the practitioners in Montreal. While in general practice, he was esteemed highly both by his professional brethren and by the general public. It was, however, as a specialist in gynecology that he developed those traits which will make him long remembered. As an operator he was distinguished for his caution as well as his boldness. His many triumphs in the field of uterine surgery were not the result of recklessness but the outcome of long and careful preparation and attention to details. He was dexterous to a degree, and always ready to meet the most unlooked-for emergencies with a confidence born of an intimate knowledge of the subject which he had so much at heart. As a teacher he was clear, impressive and enthusiastic. He had the faculty of communicating to his students that intense interest which he himself felt in his work—the best of all evidence of a good teacher. To his many friends, especially those in the profession, his death will come as a deep personal loss. His kindly, gentlemanly ways made him many friends.

His devoted wife and daughter have in the profession in Montreal and elsewhere, as well as among the students of McGill, many sympathisers in their affliction.