Obituary.

DR. R. L. MACDONNELL.

It is with infinite regret that we find ourselves called upon to record the death, on the 30th ult., of Dr. Richard L. MacDonnell of this city. In the prime of life—for he was but 38—one of the ablest physicians and most popular citizens has succumbed to the great scourge, pulmonary phthisis. Somewhat more than two years ago Dr. MacDonnell suffered from a severe pulmonary hæmorrhage : he gave up work and spent a year in Europe, chiefly in the Alps, returning in such improved health that his friends were fain to believe that the threatened complaint had been indeed arrested. He resumed his practice and his teaching, which he continued until a few weeks ago. Whilst at Murray Bay, where he had gone for rest and change, serious symptoms developed, and he was brought home in a state of great exhaustion, surviving but a short time.

Dr. Richard MacDonnell was a son of the late Dr. Robt. L. MacDonnell of this city, an eminent and accomplished physician. The son inherited much of the ability of the father, being possessed besides of a gentle, kindly, considerate disposition which made him more than commonly beloved by his patients and his pupils. Having graduated from McGill University in 1876, he studied for a year in Europe and obtained the M.R.C.S. Upon his return he was appointed one of the Demonstrators of Anatomy and subsequently assumed the position of Senior Demonstrator in charge of the department of Practical Anatomy. The onerous duties of this important post were performed with the most unfailing punctuality and thoroughness, and he helped materially in upholding the high reputation of McGill for the teaching of anatomy. He was soon appointed Assistant Physician and then Physician to the Montreal General Hospital. Upon a vacancy occurring, he became Professor of Clinical Medicine, exhibiting marked talent in the teaching of sound practical medicine to students. Possessed of a very thorough general education, imbued with the scientific principles of medicine, of strong literary