

Edinburgh. Pursuant to his father's wish he entered the army as Hospital Assistant in 1814, and was soon after appointed Assistant Surgeon of the 24th Foot.

After the peace of 1815, promotion in the medical department became very slow. The doctor naturally felt annoyed, that his long service as Assistant Surgeon should continue unrewarded by the step of rank he desired, and seeing no immediate prospect of promotion, sent in his resignation, and settled in Montreal as a medical practitioner.

The writer has reason to believe that Dr. Crawford was considered a good officer by the head of the medical department, and that he was liked, both by officers and men, in the 24th. He knows that the doctor was diligent, intelligent, active, and humane. During a visit of ten days, which his friend paid him in Montreal, in 1830, it gave him pleasure to find that his quondam school companion had expanded into a well informed and agreeable gentleman, esteemed by his brother officers in the 24th, and all his acquaintance.

In 1844, when Dr. Crawford accompanied the late Lord Metcalfe to England, the writer saw him at Halifax. Dr. Crawford appears to have treated his distinguished patient carefully and skilfully; but unfortunately the case was hopeless. The patience and fortitude Lord Metcalfe exercised under his severe and protracted sufferings were represented as deserving of the highest admiration.

From the month of April 1852, until the occurrence of the fatal accident which caused his death the writer resided here, and was on intimate terms of friendship and association with the lamented deceased. He attended him, in common with the medical faculty of the McGill University, and others, during his last illness; and the care and tenderness of his treatment was most gratifying to the old school friend of the sufferer, for it proved at once the opinion of his worth entertained by his brother professors, and their own kind and humane performance of professional duty.

Dr. Crawford was a good man in all social relations; an affectionate husband, a kind father, and a faithful friend. His death is lamented by a large circle, including many poor persons to whom he extended gratuitously his professional services; but who can measure the grief and distress of the bereaved widow and the weeping children? They deserve and receive the deepest sympathies of this community; and have learned to derive consolation, also, from a higher source.