

formerly done. He had no particular ailment as he thought, but feared, as an elder brother, Dr. Horace Nelson (an esteemed friend and colleague of the writer's) had died at the age of forty-two, of consumption, he would die of the same disease. Unfortunately the subject of this notice lost his dearly loved wife in her confinement, about two years ago, and became very despondent. Finding himself unable any longer to attend to his practice, he asked the writer, about the beginning of December, to see him. He was scarcely able to move; aphonic, with loss of appetite and a rapid, weak pulse. Finding the case to be a very serious one, a consultation was suggested, and he was seen by two other medical friends, when aneurism of the arch of the thoracic aorta was diagnosed, he himself not being aware nor imagining he had such a serious affection. He was confined to bed; ordered perfect quietness; put upon iron and digitalis; denied all fluids, etc., etc.; but he did not improve; his condition remained much the same till his death, which took place on the morning of the 6th of February.

An autopsy was made thirteen hours afterwards, when the aneurism was found to be at the junction of the transverse and descending aorta. It was of an immense size, the *clot* measuring $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter and $10\frac{1}{4}$ inches in circumference. The cavity inside of the *clot* held an ordinary-sized hen's egg. There was a deposit of fat at the base of the heart. The aortic valves (only one was examined) were healthy. The œsophagus was attached to the lower portion of the sac, and the bony structure of the bodies of the first, second and third dorsal vertebrae were quite corroded, so that a large hollow-like concave surface was exposed.

Dr. Nelson was of quiet and unobtrusive manners, and his patients were warmly and deeply attached to him, for, with the kindness of the physician he associated the sympathising heart, and his sensibility and charity gained for him the esteem and confidence of all. He was the son of the late Dr. Wolfred Nelson, a physician of very extensive practice, and who, for more than one term, filled the chair of Mayor of the City of Montreal. Dr. Nelson was a Licentiate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Lower Canada.

He leaves six small children and a large circle of warm and attached friends to mourn his loss.

WILLIAM SUTHERLAND, JR., M.D.

The subject of this notice was the son of Dr. Wil-

liam Sutherland, for many years Professor of Chemistry at McGill College. Educated in Montreal, and receiving his professional education at that University, he graduated in 1870. Scarcely, however, had his *alma mater* conferred its honors upon him, than signs of failing health showed themselves. Everything that human ingenuity could devise, or a fond parent suggest, was resorted to, but without avail; and although the disease, (Phthisis) made comparatively slow progress for a considerable time—yet though slow, it was none the less sure. Less than a month previous to his death he attended a meeting of the Medico-Chirurgical Society. He soon after, however, took to his bed, and on the 29th of January passed quietly to his rest. Thus passed away a young man of rare promise, and of brilliant genius, one who would have made for himself a proud record, if health and strength had been spared him. But it was otherwise ordained, and although those who knew him well, and loved him most, bow in humble submission to the Divine will, they can but feel that “the ways of Providence are inscrutable and past finding out.” We are sure that Dr. Sutherland has the sincere sympathy not only of the profession in Montreal, but of hundreds of his old students still living, and scattered throughout the length and breadth of the Dominion. At a meeting of the Medico-Chirurgical Society, held on Friday, the 7th of February, 1873, the following resolution was carried unanimously:—

Moved by Dr. HINGSTON, seconded by Dr. Trenholme, and Resolved,—“That the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Montreal records with deep regret the death of their late friend and associate, Dr. William Sutherland, jun., whom they have ever esteemed as a young gentleman of high character and bright promise; and the members of this Society further extend their heart-felt sympathies to the family of deceased in their great bereavement.”

The Secretary was instructed to forward a copy of the above resolution to Dr. and Mrs. Sutherland.

DR. EDWARD B. GIBSON, M.D.

Dr. Gibson graduated at McGill College in 1864. When a student, he was delicate, and shewed a predisposition to phthisis, which manifested itself about the time of his graduation. For a number of years the disease seemed stationary, but there was never any indication of restored health. We last met him at the meeting of the Canadian Medical Association in Ottawa, in the fall of 1870. He was then in feeble health, and proposed retiring entirely from