

(3) *Time of administration.* Antitoxin should be administered as early as possible on a clinical diagnosis, not waiting for a bacteriological culture. However late the first observation is made, an injection should be given unless the progress of the case is favorable and satisfactory.

OBITUARY.

CHARLES HENRY COOKE, M.D.—Dr. Cooke died at his late residence, Simcoe street, Toronto, October 11, aged fifty-four. His illness lasted only about ten days, and the immediate cause of death was acute nephritis. Dr. Cooke graduated in McGill College in 1866, and for some years thereafter was a surgeon on one of the Allan ocean steamships. He settled in Toronto about the year 1878.

WILLIAM BURNS CHALMERS MURRAY, M.D.—Dr. Murray died at his home, Bryanston, county of Middlesex, October 14, aged forty. He graduated in the universities of Trinity College and Victoria College in 1890, and also received his diploma and license from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in the same year. He at once settled in Bryanston, and soon established a large practice, which he retained up to the time of his last sickness.

LORENZO CLOSSON, M.D.—Dr. Closson, of Toronto, died September 13th, 1896, after a long illness, aged sixty-eight. He was a licentiate of the old Licentiate Board of Upper Canada, 1851, and received the degree of M.D. from the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia in 1873. He left a widow and a son and daughter. His son, Dr. John H. Closson, who graduated in 1892, entered into partnership with his father shortly after he received his degree.

JOHN ERIC ERICHSEN, F.R.S., LL.D., Hon. M. Ch. and Hon. F.R.C.S., died at Folkestone, England, September 23, aged seventy-nine. At the time of his death Mr. Erichsen was Emeritus Professor of Surgery and consulting surgeon to University Hospital, and to many other medical charities. He has been president of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, of the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society, and of the surgical section of the Great International Medical Congress of 1881. He was Surgeon-Extraordinary to the Queen, and has been president of University College, London, since 1887. Mr. Erichsen was one of England's best surgeons—and probably England's best teacher of surgery.

HON. JOHN FERGUSON, M.D., SENATOR.—Canada lost one of her most gifted sons through the death of the Hon. Dr. Ferguson, Senator of the Dominion of Canada, which occurred September 22, 1896. He graduated in Victoria University in 1864, but only practised his profession for about four years. He then engaged in business ventures, and was very successful—soon acquiring wealth and influence. In politics he was an active and strong Conservative, and was for some time a member of the Commons. Afterwards he was made a Senator, and was one of the most influential members of that body. He lived for many years in Welland, but during the last few years was a resident of Toronto. His death was caused by Bright's disease.

HENRY T. RIDLEY, M.D.—Dr. Henry T. Ridley died on the steamer *Bonavista*, September 22nd, in the St. Lawrence river, from apoplexy. He was seized on the evening of the 21st, at 10 p.m., and died the following morning at 5 o'clock. He was born in Belleville in 1827, and was sixty-nine years of age. He was a son of Dr. George L. Ridley, who practised in Belleville for many years. Dr. Ridley received his preliminary education in Upper Canada College, and his medical education at McGill College, where he graduated in 1852. He at once located in Hamilton, where he soon acquired a large practice, which he retained up to the time of his death. He was beloved by his patients and highly respected by his brother practitioners. He was essentially a gentleman of the old school, and a most lovable man in all respects.