

A MUCH LAMENTED DEATH.

AT HALF past eleven on the evening of December 11th, there passed to rest Dr. David Cunningham, one of the best known of the younger medical men in Kingston. The fact that he was in poor health was generally known, because about two months ago he went to Denver, Colorado, in search of a more favourable climate, but the suddenness of his end came as a terrible shock to his many friends in this community.

Deceased had scarcely reached thirty years of age. He was born in Kingston, on Arch Street, and was educated in the Public schools, the Collegiate institute, and at Queen's University. He entered the Collegiate as winner of a scholarship given to public school pupils for general proficiency at the entrance examination, and during the whole of his course in preparation for the University, which he entered in 1883, he was distinguished for his quickness, his alertness, his bright spirits, and his consequent popularity with both pupils and teachers. Even in those early days his leaning towards scientific studies was apparent, because he acted as assistant meteorological observer for some two or three years, and, as long as he lived, took a keen interest in weather phenomena. His arts and medical courses at the college covered the years from 1883 to 1889, and he graduated so honourably as B.A. in 1887, and as M.D.C.M. in 1890. Even these honours did not satisfy his ambitious spirit, for in 1891 he devoted himself to post-graduate work in zoology, and obtained first-class honours in the spring in this department. The following session he acted as assistant to the Rev. Prof. Fowler, lecturing on junior animal biology. Next session he was appointed lecturer on physiology, as assistant to Dr. Knight. This part he filled to the great satisfaction of the students and college staff for four years, when he was again promoted in 1896 to the position of assistant professor of practice of medicine to Dr. Fife Fowler, and lecturer on jurisprudence. Nor were university honours the only ones he won. Immediately after the death of Dr. Saunders he was appointed surgeon to the Kingston Field Battery, and about the same time he was added to the staff of the General Hospital. In all positions he made friends and kept them. He was an honoured member of several benevolent organizations, notably, the Foresters, the Oddfellows and the Select Knights. Generous, affectionate, a warm and true friend, a devoted brother, a filial son, a sympathetic and skilful physician, he has gone, and leaves a void in his home and among friends and patients which in many cases can never be filled.

A. P. K.