

the Canada Medical Association who visited Kingston last August will long remember his hospitality and his efforts to make the meeting a success.

Laughlin McFarlane died last March, like Dr. Fenwick, of sepsis from a needle wound received while operating on a hospital patient. He was in the prime of life and usefulness, only fifty-six; one of our most successful medical men; was president of this Association in 1894, and the able and genial manner in which he performed the duties of this office will long be remembered by the members of the Ontario Medical Association.

The death of these men, only noticed by their brother members and personal friends, in a short time forgotten, is as heroic as that of the leader of a "forlorn hope" whose name is "familiar in our mouths as household words," and we hold it is our duty to keep their memory green, so that it can truly be said:

"On Fame's eternal camping-ground
Their silent tents are spread,
And glory guards with solemn round
The bivouacs of the dead."

TO REMOVE HARDENED WAX FROM THE AUDITORY CANAL.—Laurens writes to warn against the use of instruments of any kind, as it is liable to be followed by the most serious consequences. He recommends the syringe alone, well sterilized and filled with boiled, tepid water. It should be introduced along the upper wall of the canal, so that the water will sweep the plug out with it, and five times full is enough for one day. The greatest care should be taken to work gently, and stop at the first trace of pain or vertigo. The plug can be softened with the solution of carbonate of soda, 1 gramme in 20 grammes of glycerin and water. Ten drops of this are to be warmed and poured into the ear three times a day; the head should be held so as to keep it in the ear for awhile and then a tampon can be inserted. The injection should be repeated in forty-eight hours. In case the plug of wax adhere to the meatus it should be seized with the pincers and held, while the injection is repeated until the plug comes out, when the canal should be wiped carefully with the finger wrapped in a sterilized rag, and a cotton plug inserted for a few days.
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