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### DOCTOR JOHN WANLESS.

Four years ago this month the writer had the sorrowful task of writing a notice of the retirement from practice and removal to Toronto of our dear old friend Doctor John Wanless. Now the pen is taken up to chronicle his death and translation to that home from which no traveller returns. To one who had known Doctor Wanless for more than thirty years and realized his wonderful courage, his fine optimism and his tremendous tenacity of conviction it is hard to realize that we shall see him no more, that no more shall we be buoyed up by his cheery presence or made well simply by his contact. His was a wonderful personality. Rarely sick himself he was a contagion of health, hope and confidence to his patients. Reference has been made to his great tenacity of his convictions. He was an enthusiast in what he believed to be the truth but was always ready to accept new light from

whatever source it might come. This phase of his character is illustrated in his conversion to the homœopathic principle of *similia similibus curantur*. He was a graduate of two old school colleges in Scotland and practiced for twenty years according to their teachings. In the course of his practice in a Western Canadian city, he first came in contact with a homœopathic practitioner and as the result of a controversy with him was led to an examination of the principle laid down by Hahnemann and eventually became one of his most devout followers. His early career in Montreal was one round of success. Many are the cases on record, given up by other physicians, which he rescued from death by the aid of his little pellets and which to his everlasting credit be it said he was always too honest and too modest to ascribe entirely to his own skill. He never forgot to mention that it was the tremendous superiority of *similia* which enabled him to get his grand results. He has gone from amongst us but he has left behind him a life and record that will live in the memory of those who knew and loved him and whose influence will be felt for many a day.

Chelidonium is a remedy for occipital headache; *i.e.*, headache in the back part of the head, involving, perhaps, the nape of the neck.

When a headache seems to be largely in the scalp *carbo veg.* may relieve.