

Obituary

THOMAS JOHNSON ALLOWAY.

It is our painful duty to have to record the death of our esteemed colleague, Dr. Thomas Johnson Alloway, Associate Professor of Gynaecology in McGill University and Gynaecologist to the Montreal General Hospital.

Doctor Alloway was born in Queen's County, Ireland, in 1844, and came to this country with his parents at an early age, his father the late Captain Arthur Alloway, being a retired officer of H.M. 4th King's Own. His early education was received in Montreal, and he graduated in medicine in McGill, in 1869. He proceeded immediately to Edinburgh, where he qualified himself for a position in the Royal Navy, by passing the conjoint examination of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons. While waiting for an appointment, he spent a year as resident surgeon of the Wandsworth Infirmary. Later, he was attached as assistant surgeon to H.M.S. Hercules of the Channel fleet, where he served for a period of three years. He then returned to Montreal, and entered into general practice. For a number of years he was connected with the Montreal Dispensary, as gynaecologist; resigning in May, 1887, when appointed assistant surgeon to the Montreal General Hospital; and two years later, having decided to devote himself exclusively to gynaecology, he was appointed assistant gynaecologist to that institution. On the resignation of Dr. William Gardner, to accept his present position in the Royal Victoria Hospital, Dr. Alloway was appointed in his place as gynaecologist-in-chief. He continued in that capacity up to the time of his death, and in fact performed an important and difficult operation only three days before. He became attached to McGill Medical Faculty as demonstrator in gynaecology and was rapidly promoted to the position of lecturer, assistant professor and associate professor.

For many years Dr. Alloway occupied a leading position among the practitioners in Montreal. While in general practice, he was esteemed highly both by his professional brethren and by the general public. It was, however, as a specialist in gynaecology that he developed those traits which will make him long remembered. As an operator he was distinguished for his caution as well as his boldness. His many triumphs in the field of uterine surgery were not the result of reck-