

GEORGE COOKE, M.D.

On the 31st of December, going out with the old year, George Cooke, the pioneer doctor of Chesley, died at 26 Leopold Street, in South Parkdale, at the age of 66 years. When he removed from Chesley five years ago he was greatly missed in the village, and remembered for his unfailing courtesy, his kindness of heart and his keen sympathy. Dr. Cooke studied medicine under Dr. Rolph, famous for his share in the troubles of 1837. After practising medicine a short time at Erin he removed to Chesley in the year of Confederation. He rode in with Mr. Henry Landerkin, a brother of the late Senator. It is related that he was not impressed with the surroundings and decided not to locate, but in the meantime Mr. Landerkin, who desired him to remain, had ridden off with the horse, and, per force, Dr. Cooke stayed. For many years he enjoyed an immense practice, and to this day his skill in certain diseases is spoken of in terms of the highest praise by the older settlers. He entered municipal life and served as a councillor in 1884, 1885 and 1886, and as reeve in 1887 and 1888. It was characteristic of the warm heart of the late doctor that when he removed to Toronto his affection for Chesley, where he had spent his life, remained unimpaired. His family say that to the last he took more interest in Chesley than in Toronto, and insisted upon *The Enterprise* being read to him every week, to the exclusion of the Toronto papers. It was fitting that the flag was half-masted and the bell tolled as the funeral cortege passed through the village with the mortal remains of a skilled and kindly physician, who belonged to the noble race of pioneers whose ranks are thinning fast.

J. B. MURPHY, M.D.

Dr. J. B. Murphy, superintendent of the Brockville Asylum for the Insane, died suddenly, on January 17th, from heart disease. He attended services in St. Francis Xavier Church, and walked part way home, being driven the remainder of the distance. He made no complaint of feeling unwell until after getting into the house. Upon removing his clothing he