

Obituary

THE LATE GEORGE MCNAIRN SHAW.

On Sunday the sixteenth of January, the medical fraternity suffered a severe loss by the death of the late George McNairn Shaw, one of the best known and most highly respected physicians in the city of Hamilton.

Death resulted from pneumonia after an illness of only three days. The physicians in attendance were Drs. Mullin and Malloch, Hamilton, with Dr. James Thorburn, of Toronto, called in consultation.

It may be truly said that the doctor sacrificed himself to his profession, as he contracted the disease which so quickly caused his death whilst responding to a call to attend a suffering woman,

whose family physician could not be secured at two o'clock on the Tuesday morning previous to his death. He was not feeling well at the time and was urged not to go, but he went, feeling that it was his duty. Upon his return he was seized with a chill, and took to his bed from which he never arose.

The deceased was only 47 years of age. He was born at Woodburn, in the County of Wentworth. After passing through the high school he went to the Toronto School of Medicine, from which he graduated with

honors, winning the silver medal. He then took his degrees in the University of Toronto and commenced practising in Queenston about the year 1875. In three years he worked up a large practice; but, preferring city life, he came to Hamilton where he practised successfully for the past twenty years. Amongst the many

positions held by the late doctor might be mentioned that of representative of the Hamilton District on the Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, Physician to the Boys' Home, which post he held from the time he came to Hamilton; a member of the Collegiate Institute Board, representing the City Council thereon; Consulting Physician to several large insurance



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companies, and at one time a member of the staff of the Hamilton City Hospital.

Shortly after coming to Hamilton, the deceased married Isabel Thorburn, the eldest daughter of Mr. John Symons, of Toronto, and she and four children survive him.

The deceased was of a quiet and retiring disposition, and was devoted to his family and profession. Among his patients the doctor was looked upon not only as a learned and skillful physician but as a friend, and with them he was exceedingly popular.