

Obituary.

KENNETH N. FENWICK.

The sudden death of Dr. Kenneth N. Fenwick, of Kingston, removes from Kingston one of its most gifted and enterprising citizens and from our profession a man of great promise, a man who had already made a name for himself, not only in his native city, but throughout our Dominion. The circumstances leading to his death are such that should make physicians and surgeons think very seriously, and the lesson taught should be learned by all.

On the 23rd ult. Dr. Fenwick performed three abdominal operations, one of them being a complete hysterectomy. The following day he operated on a case of septic peritonitis, and in doing so became infected in the left thumb, through a fissure caused the day before by tightening a ligature. At 2 a.m. on the 26th ult., he had a severe chill, followed by a temperature of 102° F. However, he made light of this, as physicians are apt to do, and insisted upon going about his duties on the 26th and 27th. On the 28th his temperature was 104° F., pulse 140, and his left hand and arm swollen and painful. In spite of all that his *confrères* could do the arm became rapidly gangrenous and he died that evening. He died heroically and without a murmur.

Dr. Fenwick was born in 1852. He took his B.A. degree in Queen's in 1871 and graduated in medicine in 1875. After spending some time in England and on the Continent studying his profession he settled in Kingston. There he rapidly rose to a high position socially and professionally. He took a great interest in the Kingston General Hospital, was instrumental in pushing forward the Doran wing of that hospital, and gave the hospital an operating theatre, known as the Fenwick Operating Theatre, one of the most complete and best equipped operating theatres in Canada. His loss is deeply felt by the college, by the hospital and by the citizens of Kingston.