

Dr. Burns was born in Oshawa, Ont., December 29, 1845. He received his early education at Upper Canada College. At the age of 21 he graduated in medicine at Toronto University, and in that year, 1866, when the Fenian raid occurred he was at Saginaw, Mich., where he had gone to join Dr. Reynolds in his practice. On learning of the trouble, Dr. Burns came to Toronto and joined the University Company to go to the front. He was appointed assistant surgeon to Col. Denison's provisional regiment and cared for a large number of wounded at St. Catharines. After the campaign Dr. Burns practised medicine at Collingwood until 1876, when he removed to Toronto. In 1880 and 1885 he was elected to the Medical Council of Ontario. In 1886 he was made vice-president of the Council, and in 1888 he became president of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. He was a candidate in a recent contest for the western division of Toronto of the Medical Council, and was declared elected by the returning officer about two hours after death had occurred.

Dr. Burns was connected with several institutions in Toronto. He was senior consulting physician at Infants' Home, member of consulting staff of St John's Hospital, obstetrician at Toronto General Hospital, Ontario referee for the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, and medical examiner for several other prominent life insurance companies. He was also past master of Ashlar Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

Deceased leaves a widow and one daughter, Mrs. Andrew Thompson, of Cayuga, and two sons, Mr. Cecil Burns, of the Bank of Commerce, and Mr. Douglas Burns, of the Bank of Montreal. Another son, Allan, was drowned at St. Catharines over three years ago.

The funeral took place from the residence to St. James' Cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Langtry and Rev. Dr. Pearson, and the pall bearers were Judge Osler, Z. A. Lash, Q.C.; Mr. F. J. Phillips, Dr. Pyne, registrar College of Physicians and Surgeons; Dr. O'Reilly, supt. of Toronto General Hospital, and Dr. W. H. B. Aikins

DR. RYERSON'S RETIREMENT.—We regret to have to announce that Dr. Ryerson has notified his constituents that he will be unable to be a candidate at the approaching Provincial elections owing to the pressure of professional and private business. We feel it due to the doctor to say that in retiring from the Legislature the profession has lost a friend in that body. It is undeniable that it was largely owing to his active opposition the Patron Medical Bill met with such a crushing defeat. We are glad to know that he will devote his energies to the practice of his profession for the future.