

all the branches of the medical curriculum. He was always known as a steady worker both at the college and at the hospital, and was a universal favorite with his fellow-students. During the summer following his graduation he acted as surgeon on one of the Allan line of steamers, and thus re-established his health which had suffered in some measure from years of close application to study. In the autumn of the same year, on the resignation of Dr. Herbert S. Tew, he was appointed apothecary to the Montreal General Hospital jointly with the late Dr. John Bell. The late Dr. Joseph Morley Drake was house surgeon at this time, and when he resigned a short time afterwards, Dr. Ross was appointed to succeed him. During his stay in the hospital he was distinguished not only for his professional skill and his capacity as an administrator, but also for his kindly and genial disposition, which endeared him specially to his fellow-residents.

In 1872 Dr. Ross went into general practice in this city, and very soon afterwards was elected attending physician to the Montreal General Hospital and received from the Governors of McGill University the appointment of Professor of Clinical Medicine. By his skill, conscientiousness and kindness he soon obtained the confidence of all who came under his care, thus securing in a very short time a large *dientèle*. The late Dr. George W. Campbell always had the highest opinion of Ross' abilities, and when he retired from practice turned much in his way. Shortly after his appointment to the hospital he devoted himself entirely to the charge of medical cases, giving up all share in surgery, and soon became known as a successful teacher in his department. He had a rare capacity for imparting knowledge, and was a keen and careful investigator and a sharp diagnostician. In 1889, on the death of the late Dr. R. P. Howard, Dr. Ross succeeded to the chair of Medicine, and was also made Vice-Dean under Dr. Robert Craik. He still, however, retained an interest in his favorite clinical work by lecturing at the bedside during the summer session. Among the many professional appointments held by Dr. Ross, the following may be mentioned: President of the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Montreal, President of the Canadian Medical Association, Member and Vice-President of the American Association of Physicians, Secretary to the Montreal General Hospital, and Representative Governor of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Province of Quebec. In this latter capacity he was recognized as a power, his voice being constantly raised in support of every measure calculated to increase the dignity of the profession and to raise the standard of medical education in this Province.

Besides contributing occasional articles on professional subjects, notably the articles on peritonitis and aortic aneurism, in Buck's Encyclopedia, he was for many years editor-in-chief of the Montreal Medical Journal.

Dr. Ross has been in failing health for three or four years, but could not be induced to relinquish any of his professional or professorial duties, preferring to die in harness.

The above record of Dr. Ross's career shows how

much work, valuable to the profession and to mankind, can be crowded into forty-seven years. Such a life is long in deeds if not in years, and is worth an age of mere existence. To those who knew Dr. Ross well this brief record tells a full story, but to others it must necessarily mean less.

Those who associated with the deceased can never forget the quick, clear intellect, the high tone, and the gentlemanly professional bearing which always characterized the man. He was an unwavering friend; a man who rigidly eschewed all *ad captandum vulgus* methods; and one whose manner of life was a model for the young physician. His literary polish combined with his great skill and experience made him an especially acceptable teacher of students at the bedside; while his bearing towards all was the best possible illustration of the happy union of the skilled physician and teacher with the accomplished gentleman and the true man.

While he instructed the class at the bedside, he never forgot the individuality of his students, and many of them will remember with perennial gratitude his tactful and tender handling of their natures.

His long career as a physician in Montreal was passed without the slightest tarnishing of his brilliant and honorable professional record. Dr. Ross was to the manner born, and it will be hard to fill his place. He resided near the late lamented Dean Howard, who, next to Osler perhaps, was for years his most intimate friend.

How forcibly are we reminded—those who have known and worked with our esteemed and too early departed friend and colleague—that “the night cometh when no man can work!”

With this issue, the FORTNIGHTLY appears under a new cover, and on a better paper, so that to that extent it has another bow to make to its subscribers.

The designing of the cover is the work of H. N. MacVicar, son of the principal of the Presbyterian College, and a rising young architect of this city. We await the expressed opinion of the students in general, but while waiting, state our own. The whole design certainly shows a great deal of merit combined with artistic taste. The idea seems to have been well conceived, and the caricatures of the different faculties with motto complete are very clearly done. Perhaps it is out of order to congratulate ourselves in this fashion, but there is certainly cause for it, and the Editors feel that we are gradually obtaining a Journal that will be a fitting representative of a great University.

The Editors wish to rectify a mistake which occurred in our last number. It was there inadvertently stated in a foot note at the end of a short piece of poetry entitled “La paroisse du Grand Brûlé” that the same had been accepted by the Faculty of Law as furnishing the words for the Faculty Song.

We hear that the matter has not yet come before the Faculty, and the Committee have not made any special recommendation.