

DR. A. S. OLIVER.

ON February 15th last, after a very brief illness there passed away one of Kingston's best known and most highly respected physicians in the person of A. S. Oliver. Dr. Oliver began the study of medicine at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, Kingston, at a very early age, completing his course when he was but 19 years old. Notwithstanding his youth his career as a student was brilliant and as a reward of merit he won the position of house surgeon in the Kingston General Hospital. As he could not obtain his degree until he had attained his majority he went to England and walked the hospitals for a few months. On his return he went to Albany and passed the necessary examinations and received a commission in the New York 20th Regiment. He was present at the battle of Fredericksburg. Shortly after this he was attached to the White Oak Hospital where he contracted Typhoid Fever. He was then transferred to Washington. Here he resigned his commission and returned to Canada, obtained his degree and commenced the practice of his profession in Kingston, where he remained until his death. For a number of years he was on the Faculty of the Medical College, holding in succession the chairs of Jurisdrudence, Physiology, Materia Medica, and Clinical Medicine. For over a quarter of a century he was Surgeon to the Gaol. When the Kingston Medical and Surgical Society was re-organized his confreres unanimously elected him President and this position he held for two years. Dr. Oliver had a singular quiet life—he attended strictly to the duties of his profession and to those of the positions which he held. He was very careful to observe all the requirements of Medical etiquette. By his confreres he was regarded as an honourable and reliable practitioner and as a consequence his advice was frequently sought by them. In consultation his opinions were well founded and given in a kindly and courteous manner. He was intimately known to us for many years and in all our intercourse with him we never heard him make an unkind remark about any other practitioner. Of him it may be truly said he had not an enemy in the profession. Dr. Oliver leaves a widow to mourn his loss and to her we would extend our feelings of deepest sympathy and would assure her that those are the sentiments of all members of the profession in Kingston.