

Obituary.

DR. E. P. WILLIAMS.

It is with feelings of deep regret that we have to announce the death of Dr. Edward Parmelee Williams, which occurred on the 8th inst. For some time past Dr. Williams' health had not been good, and friends had advised him to take a holiday and change of air, but he felt that for this summer his duties at the Montreal General Hospital demanded his remaining in town. Symptoms of septicæmia, of which the origin was obscure, made their appearance only a few days previous to his death and his strength rapidly failed. Dr. Williams was born in Ottawa in 1867; he received his education at the Collegiate Institute in that city, and commenced the study of medicine in McGill University in 1883, graduating in due course in 1887. He proved himself a good student, enthusiastic in his studies, and very popular among his classmates. After graduation he acted for a time as local surgeon to the Canadian Pacific Railway at Algona, a position which he filled with credit. In the spring of 1889 he commenced practice in Montreal. In 1892 he was appointed assistant curator of the medical museum in McGill University, where he did much good work. In connection with this appointment he had, during the last two years, been steadily engaged in the compilation of a full and descriptive catalogue of the valuable, and, in many respects, unique collection of bone specimens in the museum. This catalogue which he had almost completed will, we trust, see the light in the not distant future. Very recently he received the additional appointments of assistant demonstrator of pathology in the University, and assistant pathologist to the General Hospital. At the time of his death he also held the appointments of attending physician to the Mackay Institute, and to the Montreal Foundling and Infant Nursery. During his few years of practice he contributed several papers to the Montreal Clinical Society and to the Montreal Medico-Chirurgical Society. In the forthcoming number of the *Journal of Pathology* there will appear an important paper, written by him in collaboration with Dr. Kenneth Cameron, upon several cases of infection by the *Bacillus Pyocyaneus*. These are the first recorded in America and are among the first six upon record. The more popular facts in connection with their investigations were contained in a paper contributed by the joint workers to the American Public Health Association, at its meeting in Montreal last year upon "Infection by the *Bacillus Pyocyaneus* as a cause of Infantile Mortality." During his short residence in this city he made many