

Obituary.

THE LATE DR. CLINE.

It is with a feeling of the most profound regret that we have to announce the death of Dr. John D. Cline, the well known and much respected House Surgeon of the Montreal General Hospital. This melancholy event took place in the early morning of Saturday, Sept. 29th, after an illness of only five days. Diphtheria—that formidable and so frequently fatal disease—has for some time past been rather prevalent in this city, and consequently many cases had been under treatment in the hospital wards. It was whilst performing his duties connected with the medical care of these patients that Dr. Cline contracted his fatal malady. He died, therefore, like a good soldier of the army of medical science, fighting against disease. He died in harness, in the brave and fearless performance of his duty.

Dr. Cline was admittedly one of the best educated, most thorough, and at the same time most enthusiastic of any of the young medical men of this city, and was universally looked upon by his confreres as a rising man, who, had he been spared, would certainly have taken a prominent place in his profession.

He was born in Cornwall, Ont., and was 25 years of age. After preliminary education at the grammar school of that town he came to Montreal, and having passed through a full curriculum at McGill University, took his B.A. with honors in 1871, and carried off the Chapman gold medal. He subsequently attended the medical classes at McGill, where he was always marked as a most diligent and appreciative student, and finally graduated as M.D. in 1874, taking the Holmes gold medal, which is the highest honor the faculty can bestow. The same year he was appointed House Apothecary to the General Hospital, whence he was promoted in 1875 to Assistant House Surgeon, in which capacity he served until this spring, when he gained his final step and became House Surgeon.