

ARTHUR A. BROWNE.

On January 26th, 1910, there passed from among us after a long illness a man who was beloved by everybody who ever knew him. He might well be called the "Beloved Physician," for he brought comfort and relief to many a bedside. His quiet, gentle ways, his sympathetic manners, and his careful attention to details and everything that would benefit his patients made him esteemed and respected wherever he went. Dr. Browne was not a fashionable practitioner though he had many fashionable patients, and he gave as much, and perhaps more, attention to the poor than to the rich. Nothing was too much trouble, and money considerations were nothing to him, for he only looked to the welfare of his patient and not to the fees which would come from his assiduous attentions. The writer on one occasion looked at his visiting list and asked him from how many on that list he expected adequate remuneration; and he answered, about one-third. He was truly a magnetic physician, for his mere presence in the sick room brought relief and comfort. He was very humble as to his abilities, though they were great, and he never hesitated to obtain the advice of specialists if he thought they could throw any light on the case. He did not attempt to do things which he thought others would do better, and so his patients had the utmost confidence in his opinion and advice.

Arthur Browne was born in the Eastern Townships in 1848, of Irish parents, and although he had no war-like tastes, came of a military family. He graduated in 1866 as B.A. of McGill, and after a year or two in business (which was not congenial to him) entered the Faculty of Medicine and graduated M.D., C.M., in 1872, the same year as his old and close friend, Dr. Wm. Osler. After spending a year abroad he started practice in this city, and for some years had an uphill fight, for he had no private means. However, his abilities and good qualities became known, and soon he had one of the largest practices in the city. He devoted himself especially to obstetrics, a department of medicine in which he established for himself an honorable reputation.

In 1883 he was appointed Professor of Obstetrics in McGill University, succeeding the late Prof. Duncan MacCallum, at the same time taking charge of the University Maternity Hospital. But, at the end of three years, owing to his increasing practice and his distaste for the drudgery of teaching, he resigned his professorship, much to the regret of his colleagues. Although he did not remain a member of the Medical