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## Personal.

DR. KITASATO, a worker in Koch's laboratory for many years, is about to leave Berlin to open a bacteriological institute in Tokio. Prof. Ramsay Wright frequently referred to his investigations in his letters to THE PRACTITIONER last year.

DR. D. HAYES AGNEW, the well-known surgeon of Philadelphia, died March 22nd, in the 74th year of his age.

DR. C. A. Temple, one of the interne assistants in the Toronto General Hospital, has been appointed surgeon to the Empress of India, one of the new C.P.R. steamships.

DR. OSLER, of Baltimore, visited Toronto, April 11th, and remained a couple of days.

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## Obituary.

JAMES ROSS, M.D., TORONTO.—Those who were students of medicine in Toronto thirty-five years ago will remember that Dr. James Ross was then one of the leading physicians of the city. To many such, and others coming later to Toronto, it was a source of surprise that at the time of his death the doctor was only sixty years of age. It must be remembered, however, that he commenced practice in this city when only a boy of twenty, and, notwithstanding his youth, rapidly forged to the front. Though young in years on graduating, he had received a thorough and excellent training. After taking the regular courses of lectures, he became a licentiate of our old medical board in 1851. After this he spent one session in Jefferson College, Philadelphia, where he graduated in 1852, receiving the degree of M.D.

In May of that year he settled in Toronto, and during his forty years of practice did more hard work than any man we know of in our profession. He appeared to have a constitution of iron, and he never seemed to have any idea of taking care of himself. He loved his work, and probably sacrificed twenty or thirty years of his life through his devotion to it. Although

he was, in the broadest sense of the word, a general practitioner, he had a special reputation in obstetrics and diseases of children. It will be remembered by some that in 1877 the late Dr. Zimmerman published an analysis of 4704 cases of midwifery which Dr. Ross had attended during the previous twenty-five years. His total number of cases attended during his forty years of practice was 6787, the date of the last being March 26, six days before his death. About the middle of January he had a severe attack of la grippe, from which he never fully recovered. He contracted pneumonia, March 28, and, although only a portion of one lung was involved, he sank rapidly, and died early on the morning of April 2nd.

He always took considerable interest in public matters, and was for a number of years a member of the city Board of School Trustees. He was the representative of the Midland and York Division in the Ontario Medical Council from 1874 to 1880. Among the other honors conferred upon him by his medical confrères was the presidency of the Canadian Medical Association, which he held in 1890. He was a sound, good, "all-round" practitioner, endowed with excellent judgment, kindly tact, and rare patience; and he leaves a vast army of patients, ex-patients, and other friends, in and out of the profession, who will long mourn the loss of him whom they had learned to love. His wife died about two years ago. She had been ever truly devoted to her children, and an invaluable assistant to her husband in every way. It is said that Dr. Ross never fully recovered from the blow he received in her loss. There are left in the family one daughter and two sons, one of whom is Dr. James F. W. Ross, of Toronto.

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## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

### MARRIAGES.

ROBERTSON—MONTEITH.—At Sunnyside, the residence of Mr. Nelson Monteith, brother of the bride, on March 30, by Rev. G. R. Beamish, M.A., W. Norrie Robertson, M.D., and Jennie A., youngest daughter of the late Samuel Monteith, Esq., of the Gore of Downie.

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