

his friends, self-reliant in dealing with the world, defiant towards his enemies, and yet gentle as a woman in handling and treating the sick and afflicted. In the large army of friends he has left are to be found the high and the low, the strong and the weak, the rich and the poor, the old and the young—"all sorts and conditions of men."

The funeral service was very impressive. We take the following from the *Toronto Mail and Empire* :

At about half-past three the lid of the casket was closed, and the assembled troops of the various regiments formed into two long lines from the casket to the west end of the hall. The officers were grouped between the lines, and the general public crowded the galleries and the remaining space on the main floor. Rev. Mr. Williams mounted the rostrum in the midst of the flowers and palms, and a great hush fell on the assembly. It was a strange and impressive sight. The rain outside poured down pitilessly, and the sky was so darkened as to make but a soft and subdued grey light in the vast hall. With serious faces and bowed uncovered heads the crowd listened to the beautiful words of the Church of England service for the dead, as they fell in measured tones from the lips of the venerable white-haired chaplain. It was a moment not quickly to be forgotten, and it was plainly noticeable that the most of those present felt the serious solemnity of the occasion.

WILLIAM THOMAS AIKINS, M.D., LL.D.—This country has lost one of her great men through the death of Dr. W. T. Aikins, of Toronto, which occurred on the evening of May 24th. We in the medical profession are chiefly interested in his work as a surgeon, and a teacher of surgery, for a long term of years. He received his preliminary education at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which he received his degree of M.D. in 1850. In the same year he commenced practice in Toronto, and very soon achieved success. From 1850 to 1856 he was intimately associated with the late Dr. Rolph, and was a teacher in Rolph's School of Medicine. In 1856 he was appointed Lecturer in Surgery in the Toronto School of Medicine, and acted in that capacity until 1887, when the Toronto school ceased to be a teaching body on account of the reorganization of the Medical Faculty of the University of Toronto. He had been, for many years, president of the corporation of the Toronto School. He was one of the most active promoters of the re-establishment of the Medical Faculty of the University, in which he was appointed Professor of Surgery. He was also Dean of the Faculty from 1887 to 1893.

Dr. Aikins was for many years the best surgeon in Ontario, in the opinion of a large number of practitioners, and certainly had the largest practice. He received many inspirations in various directions while studying in Philadelphia, and, as a result, made many improvements in the methods then in vogue for the treatment of fractures and dislocations, and also in other subjects connected with surgery. He possessed good judgment in things surgical, and was skillful and careful as an