

end of his life devoted himself with characteristic energy to abdominal surgery.

It was about this time—that is after his return from England—that our professional intimacy sprang up, and it continued unbroken up to the time of his death. He was appointed to the gynecological staff of the General Hospital by the Toronto School of Medicine, while I was acting in the same capacity for Trinity Medical College.

Almost daily we met in the wards of the hospital assisting one another in operations and consultations, and it was during these frequent meetings that I learned his worth and the accuracy of his opinion.

As a diagnostician he was most reliable and accurate. He never gave a hasty opinion; he was always sure of his grounds before he spoke his mind. In an obscure case he would spend a long time taking into account every little detail of the history, all past and present symptoms, carefully weighing the most minute point, searching every part of the body that might aid him to form a proper opinion, and when once he had made up his mind he would adhere firmly to the conclusion arrived at. He never expressed a doubtful opinion; he was always positive, and it was a very uncommon thing to find him wrong. I learned the worth of and always admired his diagnostic powers. He was kind, gentle and generous to a fault; the pecuniary side of a case never entered into his mind; he gave the same attention and skill to the poorest patient as to those in better circumstances; he never refused me his aid and advice in any case or at any hour of the day or night. No social engagement did he ever allow to interfere with his professional work—it was duty first and pleasure after.

As a writer he contributed very many excellent articles to the medical press. As an operator he was neat, brilliant, quick and very thorough. I never saw a case leave his hands unless it had been well done, in fact, could not have been better done, and I can say this from personal observation of very many cases. As a teacher he was capable and painstaking. He never begrudged his time to impart knowledge to the student, as many who have passed through his hands can testify. The young undergraduate of to-day will miss in him an up-to-date and competent instructor and one whose place will be difficult to fill.

In conclusion all I can say is I deeply deplore his death. He was an honorable, upright man and an accomplished surgeon. His death is a great loss to the profession of Canada and to this academy in which he took such a deep interest. The same fortitude of character which was so strongly marked in his life did not forsake him in his last hours when he obeyed the summons of his Creator.