

lected a large and valuable museum of osteology, and his rooms reminded one of the descriptions of the dens of old 16th century anatomists. Socially, Dr. Darling was a delightful companion, and at table could monopolize, to the pleasure of all, the conversation for hours at a time. His stories of the olden days in Edinburgh, in 1823 and '24, and of Mott and Pattison in New York in the thirties, should have been transcribed. They cannot possibly be replaced now. But when the "wee sma' hours" arrived, under the genial stimuli of good toddy and good fellowship, he had, indeed, "a ready, swift and tuneful tongue," and would quote from Burns and his favorite poets in a most telling and dramatic manner. He had considerable poetic gifts, but the statement made in some journals that he was the author of the celebrated anonymous poem on a skeleton, beginning

"Behold the ruin! 'Twas a skull,"

must be erroneous, as it was found in 1807 in the museum of the College of Surgeons. He and Dr. Ransohoff of Cincinnati were the only Fellows of the Royal College of Surgeons in the United States.

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—Poor Mahomed! cut off at the early age of 35, and in the very middle of his work. Usually in London a man at that age has scarcely yet been heard of, but Dr. Mahomed had been well-known to the profession for the past ten years, so rapidly did he come to the front after his graduation. Being an able microscopist he began early to do original work in connection with the pathology of the kidney, being associated latterly in this line of research with Sir W. Gull and Dr. Sutton. He also assisted materially in bringing the sphygmograph into its present prominent place among scientific instruments. He was originally connected with St. Mary's Hospital, but about six years ago became Registrar of Guy's, and later one of the Assistant Physicians. He married early in life and leaves a widow and five children apparently totally unprovided for. However, the profession in London are subscribing handsomely towards a fund, and already we notice that over thirteen hundred pounds have been raised. Dr. Mahomed died of typhoid