

discussion of the papers, which we are informed are in course of preparation, a new interest will attach to the meetings, and all will feel that the time thus passed has been well and profitably spent.

We would also suggest that members should arrange to pass three days in convention, instead of only two days as formerly.

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It is with feelings of the deepest regret that we have to announce the death of William Fraser, M.D., of this city, which melancholy event took place somewhat suddenly, on Wednesday morning, the 24th of July, at five o'clock. It appears that, although almost unknown to his professional brethren, for more than a year past he suffered from enlargement of the prostate gland, with occasional attacks of retention of urine. One of these seems to have occurred on Sunday, the 21st. On the Monday he was far from well, and against the strong remonstrances of his family, he made his professional calls, being out the greater part of the day. Several of his professional friends, who saw him, remarked how ill he looked. On the Tuesday morning he sent for his former pupil, Dr. Craik, who at once took him in charge. In the afternoon symptoms of urinary infiltration set in, and a consultation of the McGill Medical Faculty was called for the evening, by which time the infiltration was extensive. The scrotum was freely incised, and a quantity of ammoniacal urine escaped, and although this gave great apparent relief, by ten o'clock in the evening he became comatose, and, as already said, breathed his last about five o'clock on Wednesday morning.

Dr. Fraser first entered as a medical student at the University of McGill College, in the session of 1834-5. He also attended the following session, and took his M.D. in 1836 from the same University. He was also the possessor of the diploma of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, but when it was obtained we have not been able to gather. In June, 1845, he was appointed Lecturer on Medical Jurisprudence in McGill College, and he continued to hold that chair till the year 1849 or 1850, when he succeeded to the Professorship of Institutes of Medicine, which he continued to fill up to his death with satisfaction to his colleagues and with profit to those whose good fortune it was to pass under his care. As a lecturer, if not brilliant, he was clear and concise, comprehended his subject thoroughly, and was able to convey his information so as to be understood by the junior members of the class. In

this last particular we, think, was his greatest charm as a lecturer. Occupying so long, as he did, the same chair, his lectures contained an immense mass of information, and that too of a valuable and practical character, which he had apparently, year by year, culled from the current literature of the day. Dr. Fraser was also one of the attending physicians of the Montreal General Hospital, being elected to that office on the 11th May, 1847, and continued actively to perform its duties up to the period of his last illness. During the almost forty years he was in practice, he was scarcely ever absent from his post, the only serious holiday he ever took being a European trip of several months in 1870. As a physician he was most favorably known, and enjoyed an extensive and lucrative practice. His juniors in his profession constantly sought his advice in consultation, and all felt that his judgment was thoroughly reliable. His sudden demise leaves a blank, which will be felt in Montreal for many a long day. Dr. Fraser was a native of Perth, Scotland, and had attained his fifty-eighth year.

#### THE LATE DR. FRASER.

A special meeting of the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Montreal was held on Saturday evening, the 27th July, when a very large number of members were present. The following resolutions were unanimously passed; the mover and seconder of each, in a few remarks, giving expression to the general feelings of the Society to the great loss which it had sustained in the death of Dr. Fraser.

Moved by Dr. Peltier, seconded by Dr. Reddy:

That the members of the Medico-Chirurgical Society deeply regret the loss of their late friend and associate Dr. William Fraser, whose high qualities as a physician and professor had justly endeared him to his colleagues and fellow-citizens, and whose self-sacrifice and devotion to duty shed lustre on our Profession.

Moved by Dr. David, seconded by Dr. Francis W. Campbell:

That this Society desires to place on record the interest in its meetings shown by Dr. Fraser, whose active assistance helped so much to render them interesting and instructive.

Moved by Dr. Thompson, seconded by Dr. Dugdale:

That this Society extends to the family of the deceased their heartfelt sympathy in the great bereavement which has befallen them.