

Obituary.

The news of the death of Sir John Tomes and Dr. T. H. Chandler has been followed by that of Professor James S Garretson, Dean of the Philadelphia Dental College, and author of "Garretson's Oral Surgery," together with numerous literary and philosophical works of great merit. Enteritis is said to have been the cause, but Dr. Garretson felt keenly and worried greatly about the trouble between the Philadelphia Dental College and the Medico-Chirurgical College. It was Dr. Garretson who brought about the union of the two colleges some eight years ago, and when friction occurred between the two institutions, some time ago, Dr. Garretson worked energetically to bring about an amicable settlement. He was not successful, however, as the Medico-Chirurgical College, having grown very rapidly in the last few years, desired to be a separate institution, and at the last election in the faculty and in the hospital management those who are associated with the medical college gained complete control. Then it was decided that the Philadelphia Dental College should only occupy the Medico-Chirurgical College's lecture rooms and buildings for two years longer. This strife was a hard blow to Dr. Garretson, and he almost broke down under it. He worried continually over it. In October, 1828, Dr. Garretson was born at Wilmington, Delaware. As a young man he prepared himself for the study of dentistry, and, after taking the course in the Philadelphia College of Dentistry, graduated from that school in 1857. Dr. Garretson then studied medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1859. The degree of A.M. was an honorary one conferred in later years. Although Dr. Garretson's active work in the Dental College did not begin until 1878, he was, in 1866-7, the surgeon of the college, and from 1873-6 a chemical instructor. There, in 1878, he became Professor of Anatomy and Surgery, and surgeon of the Hospital of Oral Surgery. When Dean McQuillen died, in 1880, Dr. Garretson succeeded to the position, which office he held with honor until his death. Dr. Garretson was a member of the American Dental Association, Society of the Sons of Delaware, the County Medical Society, Pennsylvania Dental Society, and was President of the Garretsonian Society, an organization to which the students of the college belong during their college years. To this society he lectured three times a month. The meetings were always crowded and were immensely popular with the students and their friends. It will be at these meetings that Dr. Garretson will be missed the most for a long time.