

ing both mother and wife had been fortunate far beyond the ordinary experience could such an interpretation have come. To both of these he knew his obligation and acknowledged it to his friends in words of manly frankness.

The friend who was with us but yesterday has passed behind the veil, and has solved the mysteries which lie beyond our present life.

He is not lost to us for "Life is ever lord of death, and love can never lose its own." Nor is his influence to become but a memory, for has not Ruskin said with perfect truth, "Every noble life leaves the fibre of it interwoven forever in the work of the world."

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### DR. ROSS AS A SURGEON.

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MR. President and Fellows,—I have been requested by the President to say a few words to you about the late Dr. J. F. W. Ross as a surgeon, and though deeply grieved that his unlooked for and much to be lamented death calls for such remarks, yet I feel privileged as an old and intimate friend of his that I have been chosen to pay respect to his memory, for by his death I can truthfully say that I have lost an old and genuine friend and one whom I shall always miss and whose place I shall find great difficulty in filling. It is not necessary to enter into details connected with his early life, as you are all familiar with it.

He graduated from the University of Toronto thirty-three years ago, subsequently going to England, where he took the license of the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

For one year he acted as one of the house physicians at the Toronto General Hospital, and then entered into practice for a few years with his late father, when he determined to take up special work, selecting gynecology and abdominal surgery, to which branch he devoted his whole life, and it is well known to us all how well he succeeded in bringing himself to the very front rank of his profession.

Whatever he undertook to do, whatever task he set himself to do he did with all his might. In order to perfect himself in this special work he went to England and allied himself with the late Mr. Lawson Tait, the then famous abdominal surgeon, and while with him he had every opportunity of seeing the best and most up-to-date work. He also went to Germany and spent some time there studying and working along the same lines of surgery.

On his return to Toronto he continued his special work and to the