

writer had not forgotten, he was a gentleman and a member of a noble profession. In this publication we notice that the idea of an organization of the medical profession of Canada, into a society was discussed, but, owing to the difficulty of travelling in those days, it does not seem to have been taken up. Dr. Sutherland, however, still kept it in view, and, in 1850, we find him bringing it before the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Montreal for discussion. The result of this action of his was the appointment of a committee, consisting of Drs. Badgley, Sutherland and David (Dr. David alone now surviving) to submit to the profession in Canada a prospectus of the object to be attained by the formation of an association to be styled The British American Medical and Surgical Association. Nothing seems to have resulted from this committee, and it was not till 1866 that Dr. Marsden, of Quebec, again agitated the matter, and through the Quebec Medical Society brought the profession together, resulting in the formation of the first Canadian Medical Association. Dr. Sutherland was for many years one of the Physicians to the Montreal General Hospital, but about 1861 he retired upon the Consulting Staff. Although Dr. Sutherland relinquished his professorial duties in 1866, being at that time elected Emeritus Professor of Chemistry, he continued to follow his strictly professional duties till Dec., 1872, when he announced his retirement from general practice, and his intention of devoting himself to consultation practice. Of this latter up till last spring he had as much as his gradually failing strength would permit him to attend to. By last mid-summer, very reluctantly, his many professional friends saw him withdraw from consultations also. From that time, he attempted to get such comfort as his disease would allow him, and surrounded by his family and numerous friends he patiently waited his Master's summons. Early on Tuesday morning, the 9th of February, it came and he passed peacefully to his rest in the sixtieth year of his age. His disease at first seemed to be purely laryngeal, induced by the accidental inhalation of chlorine gas in his class-room; but whatever it may have been originally, it a few years ago developed into tubercular phthisis of a very chronic character.

At a meeting of the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Montreal, held on the 19th of February the following resolutions relative to Dr. Sutherland's death were adopted.

Moved by Dr. Hingston, and seconded by Dr. Francis W. Campbell, and

Resolved: 1. That this Society desires to place on record the great loss which it and the pro-

fession at large have sustained by the death of their late friend and associate, William Sutherland, M.D., whose high attainments and noble qualities enabled him to attain the first rank among the profession in Montreal.

Resolved: 2. That in his death the profession have lost a most valuable member; one kind and ever ready with sound advice, assistance and encouragement to his junior brethren, and to his patients an excellent physician, a valued friend and counsellor.

Resolved 3. That this Society desires to extend to the bereaved family of the deceased their most heartfelt sympathy in the irreparable loss which has befallen them.

Dr. Hingston in moving the above resolution spoke warmly and affectionately of him who had gone to his long home; of his kindness and gentleness and of the extremely delicate way which he had acted towards the profession, on his retirement from general practice refusing to recommend who his successor should be. In this he recognized that spirit of fairness towards his professional brethren which was characteristic of Dr. Sutherland.

Dr. Francis W. Campbell, in seconding the resolution, alluded to the love felt for the deceased by all who knew him, to the great interest he constantly evinced in those who had been his pupils, and to his keen sensibility of avoiding anything which could be looked upon as unjust to those who were, like he was once, struggling to gain professional position.

Dr. Reddy spoke feelingly of the blank which his removal had caused, and of the kindness of heart which ever characterized all his actions. Other members feelingly alluded to the event, and the Society adjourned.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. W. M., Montreal. Your letter has been received. The article you allude to will in all probability receive some notice in our next issue.

P. O. G. Warkworth, Ont. Thanks for your good opinion as to the practical character of the Record.

Dr. W. H. Arthur, Ont. Will see that the Record is sent regularly in future.

Dr. W. Oakville, Ont. Sent the statement as desired, but have not heard from you since.

THE CHEMISTRY OF MILK.

Dr. Cameron, the city analyst of Dublin, communicated lately to the Royal Dublin Society some interesting researches which he has made with reference to the chemistry of milk. He pointed out