

Dr. MacKenzie was born at St. George's Channel, West Bay, C. B., on the 12th of October, 1865, so that his death occurred on the fortieth anniversary of his birth, and strangely enough on the second anniversary of his marriage. He received his literary education at Pictou Academy, obtained his medical degree from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Boston in 1892, and afterwards spent nearly a year at hospital work and special study in London. He joined the staff of the Nova Scotia Hospital as Assistant Physician in November, 1893, and in June, 1895, was promoted to be Assistant Superintendent. This position he held until his death, which resulted from appendicitis, after an illness of a very few days, an operation having proved to be without avail.

Dr. MacKenzie was a man of singularly genial and happy disposition, keenly appreciative of the humorous, kindly and sympathetic, diligent and conscientious. His work at the hospital was characterized by a careful and methodical attention to every detail. He was a great favourite with the patients, who could always expect from him a bright smile and a cheery word. His death will prove a great loss to the institution with which he was associated for so many years.

While not a frequent contributor, Dr. MacKenzie wrote a number of excellent papers, dealing usually with some abnormal mental condition. We have had the opportunity of publishing several of these papers in our pages, notably one on "Thrombosis of the Left Middle Cerebral Artery," published in April, 1899, and one on "Mental Disturbances of Puberty and Adolescence," published in December, 1903.

Two years before his death, Dr. MacKenzie married Miss Mabel Gentles, of Dartmouth. Besides his widow, a mother and two brothers survive him. He left no family.

To those so sadly bereaved by his death, we extend cordial sympathy.

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### Book Reviews.

**Merck's 1905. Manual of the Materia Medica.** Published by Merck & Co., New York. This is a ready-reference pocket book containing names of the chemicals and drugs used in modern medical practice. This little book will be found of much value as a handy guide and time-saver. It likewise gives a table of therapeutic indications, poisoning and its treatment, the metric system, and a concise chapter on urinalysis.