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ALFRED CHIPMAN COGSWELL was born in Cornwallis, King's County, Nova Scotia, 1834. At the age of fifteen, he attended the Academy at Wolfville, with the intention of taking a college course, but after two years he was compelled to abandon study on account of ill health. The next twenty years were spent with great benefit on his father's farm, near Portland, Maine, to which place (Falmouth) his parents had removed. Alfred entered upon the study of dentistry in the office of Dr. Edwin Parsons, of Portland, Maine, in 1852. After four years' study and practice in Portland and Boston, he opened an office in Wakefield, Mass., where he practised successfully until he removed to Halifax, N.S., in 1858, and was married the same year previous to his removal. In Halifax, a partnership was formed with Dr. Lawrence Van Buskirk, a successful practitioner of dentistry in that city. After two years Dr. Van Buskirk retired, from ill health, and soon after died of heart disease. In 1867 Dr. Cogswell formed a partnership with Dr. T. L. Mackay, of Boston, Mass., which continued for two years, when Dr. Cogswell repaired to Philadelphia, and attended the Philadelphia Dental College in that city, until he received the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. He then returned to Halifax, and after practising some years, close attention to practice necessitated a change and rest, and he spent a