

Obituary

ROBERT C. KIRKPATRICK, B.A., M.D., C.M.,
L.R.C.S., EDIN.

It is with the deepest sorrow we have to announce the death of one of our most active editors, Dr. Robt. C. Kirkpatrick, at the early age of 34 years. Although Dr. Kirkpatrick died so young, for such an age is young, speaking professionally, he had accomplished considerable work and obtained an honourable reputation as a surgeon. After graduating as a B.A., in McGill in 1882, he entered upon the study of medicine and graduated in honours in the spring of 1886. He acted as one of the House Surgeons of the Montreal General Hospital for a year and then went abroad, where he took the L.R.C.S., Edin. In 1888 he was appointed Medical Superintendent of the Hospital, in succession to Dr. McClure. In 1891, a vacancy occurring on the staff of Assistant Surgeons owing to the promotion of Dr. Armstrong on the resignation of the late Dr. Fenwick, Dr. Kirkpatrick was elected, and in 1894 was promoted to be a full-attending surgeon, a vacancy having occurred owing to the resignation of Dr. Jas. Bell on his appointment to the Royal Victoria Hospital. Dr. Kirkpatrick has always been esteemed as a careful, conscientious surgeon, possessed of great judgment, and who never endeavoured to be considered a brilliant operator but preferred to be ranked amongst those whose first consideration was the welfare of the patient, and who in operating give infinite care and attention to details. He was the first in Canada and one of the first in America to successfully repair the stomach in perforation from ulcer. He performed two of these operations with success. In many other modern operations such as resection of the bowel, gastro-enterostomy, etc., he had a good record. As