

tive to the external treatment of Scarlet Fever, he not only objects to the cold douche, but says, "In every case I have known, in which cold or warm sponging with water, or vinegar and water, has been resorted to, the patient has either died in the acute stage, or dropsy has supervened." Now, while I entertain very serious doubts regarding the propriety of using the *cold* douche in certain cases to the extent insisted on by Dr. Fergus, I have not the slightest hesitation in asserting that *warm* sponging, followed by inunction with hot lard is of the greatest benefit in the vast majority of instances.

During the present year thirty cases of scarlet fever have been under my care, ranging in severity (like those treated by Dr. S.) from simple to malignant. Of these only one proved fatal. In all of them were the external applications made which I have indicated. They proved so grateful to the patients as to be frequently asked for by them; and in such cases particularly as exhibited a disposition to retrocession was their use in the greatest degree apparently beneficial. Dr. S. states the mortality under his treatment to be eight in sixty—a result not quite so gratifying as that obtained in the thirty I allude to, though I cannot help thinking the persistent exhibition of purgatives "every forty-eight hours" may have had something to do with the greater fatality.

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OBITUARY.

Died of Consumption, on the 3rd of May, at the residence of his father in Glenburnie, George Doolette Spooner, in the 32nd year of his age. He graduated at Queen's College, Kingston, in 1860, and practiced for a short time in Warkworth, Ontario, and subsequently in Newtonville. In 1868 his health began to decline, and in order to recruit, visited New York, but was attacked during his residence there with a severe form of dysentery. Upon his recovery, he returned to Kingston, and after remaining there some time he removed to Bowmanville. He had been there only a few weeks when he caught a severe cold and was obliged to return home for proper care and attention. He took a great interest in the practice of his profession, and was remarkably successful. As a man and a Christian, he was above reproach,—of a genial disposition, kind, warm-hearted and generous, his life was devoted to the good of his fellowmen. He was highly respected by the profession, and his loss will be much regretted by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. He leaves a young wife and one child.
