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(Drowned at Berkhier, P. Q., July 29, '00)

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The late Dr. Grafton was born in Montreal 32 years ago of good English stock, and received his early education at the High School, through which he passed with high standing at the age of sixteen. Being too young to enter college immediately, he spent the next two years in commercial pursuits, therein gaining useful business experience. At the age of eighteen he matriculated at the Medical College of McGill University, taking the full course and graduating four years later with credit to himself and his Alma Mater, and bearing with him the respect and love of professors and classmates. He immediately received one of the coveted appointments annually made to the House Staff of the General Hospital, remaining there a year, and retired with the united regard of management, staff, nurses and employees. He spent the next four months visiting hospitals in the United States, whence he was recalled to an appoint-

ment as Ship Surgeon on the Beaver Line of steamships, a post he filled to the complete satisfaction of company and passengers for two summer seasons. The intervening winter was occupied in studying for, and passing the severe examination of the Society of Apothecaries, one of the great English licensing bodies, whose valued diploma he won with distinction. Inherited leanings and his own studious bent now impelled him to inquire authoritatively into the merits of Homoeopathy as a system of Therapeutics. He entered himself for the stiff competitive examination for appointment to the House Staff of the Metropolitan Hospital in New York, and passed first on the list. He was duly appointed, and the year of study of many hundreds of Hospital cases under Homoeopathic treatment convinced him of its scientific character and therapeutic value in the cure of disease. He returned with the diploma of the school, passed the examinations of the "College of Homoeopathic Physicians and Surgeons of Montreal," and settled down to practice as a trained "physician," who, to "his knowledge of medicine," had added an acquired "special knowledge of Homoeopathic Therapeutics." He gained appointment on the Montreal Homoeopathic Hospital Attending Staff, was elected chairman of its Medical Board, took office on the Board of Governors as its secretary, assisted ex-officio on the Committee of Management, and enthusiastically aided in carrying on the work of the Hospital to the complete success he foresaw, and its friends intend.

Like a bolt from the blue came the terrible shock of the sudden cutting of the thread of a bright and promising young life!

In assuagement of grief's bitter flow, letters poured in to the sorrowing family from friends, patients, classmates, college professors, confreres, and associates in varied Hospital work, all bearing testimony to the professional and personal qualities which commended and endeared Dr. Grafton to the writers, the cheering assurance pervading the testimony of those who knew him best that their departed friend loyally if unassumingly bore

"The white flower of a blameless life."

May we not then at least take heart of consolation in having been privileged to