

## PERSONAL.

Dr. William Gardner, Professor of Gynecology, McGill University, has been elected a Vice-President of the British Gynecological Society.

Dr. R. Palmer Howard, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, McGill University, has been named, at its centennial celebration, an associate fellow of the College of Physicians, Philadelphia.

Mr. Lawson Tait, F. R. C. S., of Birmingham has accepted a vice-presidency of the International Medical Congress, to be held in Washington this coming summer.

Dr. Cotton, of Mount Forrest, Ont., is said to be about to remove to Toronto.

Dr. Spendlove (M. D., Bishops' College, 1880), of Beebe Plain, intends to commence practice in Montreal.

Dr. Charles E. Casgrain, of Windsor, a graduate of McGill University (1851), has been appointed to fill one of the vacant senatorships.

Dr. Wm. Crothers (M. D. McGill, 1876) has just been licensed to practice in the State of California. His residence is San Francisco.

## OBITUARY.

Dr. A. M. Sloan died at Listowel, Ont., on the 30th of December last, of Typhoid fever. His loss is deeply felt by all who knew him. He was the son of Dr. Sloan, of Blyth, Ont., to whom we tender our deep sympathy.

Dr. Barrett, of Toronto, died the middle of this month, at the age of 71 years. He was a well-known physician and teacher in the Toronto School of Medicine. He was also the founder of the Women's Medical College in Toronto, which he lived to see in a flourishing condition.

## DR. JOSEPH MORLEY DRAKE.

It is with feelings of more than usual sadness that I chronicle the death of Dr. Drake, which took place at Abbotsford, Quebec, on the 26th of December last. The friendship between Dr. Drake and myself began in 1850, when I was but a small boy; at that time Dr. Drake was a clerk in the drug store of Mr. S. Jones Lyman, on the corner of Place d'Armes square and Notre Dame street, while I resided on the opposite side of the square. It was my delight to go over and assist him in some trivial work—for about him there was an attraction which drew my heart to him then, and which made the friendship thus begun continue up to the day of his death. Little idea had either of us, then, that we would both enter the medical profession—and both in time become engaged in the work of medical teaching. The history of my departed friend is worth recording, for it is one which can be pointed to as worthy of

emulation. He was born in London, England, in 1828, and in it received his general and scientific education. At the age of 17 he came to Canada, a certified analytical chemist. He filled two situations before he entered the employ of Mr. Lyman, with whom he continued for some time, attaining full control of the establishment, then, perhaps, the most aristocratic in the city. Like many other chemists, he became enamored of medicine, and determined to adopt it as his profession. Our friendship always strong now became firmly cemented, for we sat on the same bench, carved our names side by side, were medical students together. Need I say more? Yes, just this, that while my friend avoided the excesses, which sometimes are thought to be essential to the embryomedico, he gave his whole energy to developing the best which was in those who surrounded him. Not a student in the College during his term but loved him, and many, scattered to the four winds of heaven—his old class-mates—but will recall with loving memory, the clear, healthy English complexion, and light curly hair of their old chum—Joseph Morley Drake, and mourn his comparatively early death. Graduating a year before him, although much his junior, he followed suit, receiving in 1861 his M. D. at McGill, taking the highest position the Faculty could bestow. He was at once appointed House Surgeon to the Montreal General Hospital; which he filled with entire satisfaction for eight years. Soon after leaving this position he was elected one of the attending Physicians and Surgeons to the Hospital, and was appointed to lecture on Clinical Medicine. Physiology was, however, his favorite and on the death of Dr. Fraser, he succeeded him in that branch. Dr. Drake was a good lecturer, but his strength was not equal to the work he had undertaken. Of a nervous disposition, and for many years suffering from mitral disease, he overworked himself, and the only hope of prolonging life was by restricting himself to the practice of his profession. This was tried, but the demands of a constantly increasing *clientèle* soon showed that even this was more than his strength could stand. Then a severe blow came in the death of his wife. His constitution, much shattered by repeated severe attacks of cardiac asthma, was unable to withstand the prostration of his nervous system, which followed. His energy was gone, everything had to be laid aside, and amid the universal regret of all his confrères, he retired from practice. He soon after went to reside at Abbotsford, coming occasionally to Montreal; when he did so, his old friends were always anxious to meet him, and I recall more than one meeting where all were young again. How pained all his intimate friends were when they heard of his death, no words of mine can express. A true man, a noble physician, has gone; the sphere in which he lived and moved is much better because Joseph Morley Drake lived in it.

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