

## Obituary.

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DR. J. H. GARDINER, who died at London, Ont., of blood-poisoning, November 1st, at the age of forty-seven years, was a native of Stirlingshire, Scotland. He studied medicine at the Toronto School of Medicine, graduated as M.B. Toronto University, and M.C.P.S. Ont., in 1878, and began practice the same year in London. He was for many years a member of the Local Board of Health, and in 1888 occupied a seat in the City Council. As one of the Surgeons of the City Hospital, a member of the Medical Faculty of the Western University, and a successful practitioner, he was deservedly held in the highest esteem. He was a genial, warm-hearted man, and his death, at a comparatively early age, is deeply lamented by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

J. J. C.

WE regret very much to be obliged to record the sudden death of Dr. James H. Burns, which occurred on the 20th ult., at his residence, 7 College Street. He died of heart disease, and the summons was not unexpected, as he had had premonitions for some time previous. The deceased was born at Oshawa, in December 1845, and received his early training at Upper Canada College. He graduated as M.B. at Toronto University, in 1866, and during the Fenian invasion of that year saw military service as assistant surgeon of Lieut.-Colonel Denison's provisional regiment. He subsequently settled at Collingwood, where he practised for ten years. He removed to Toronto in 1876, and was actively engaged in professional work up to the moment of his death. In 1880 and 1885, Dr. Burns was elected a member of the Medical Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. He obtained the highest honors of this representative body, being chosen its Vice-President in 1887, and President in 1888. A vacancy having recently occurred in the constituency he formerly represented, owing to the resignation of Dr. Machell, he again contested the seat, and his election was declared two hours after his death had taken place.

At the time of his decease Dr. Burns was senior consulting physician at the Infants' Home, a member of the consulting staff at St. John's Hospital, consulting physician to Toronto General Hos-