

Obituary.

Dr. Laughlin McFarlane.

WE deeply regret to have to record the death of Dr. L. McFarlane, one of the oldest and most active members of the medical profession in Toronto. The circumstances surrounding his last illness are of such a nature as to command the sympathy of every doctor, and to touch the heart of the entire community. They were as follows: In operating in his hospital capacity, upon toes which had become gangrenous after frost-bite, he pricked his finger with a needle, and although at the time he took the ordinary precautions, he became inoculated with the poison, which rapidly spread through his system. Twenty-two hours afterwards his finger was much swollen, and although free incisions were made into it, and into the arm as the inflammation extended, his general system became so deeply affected that in a few days his case was regarded as hopeless, and he gradually sank, until a week after, when death ensued.

The deceased gentleman was a Canadian by birth, being a native of Caledon township. He was just in the prime of life, fifty-six years. He was ever of a studious, ambitious and genial disposition. In 1864 he entered as a student the old Toronto School of Medicine, and in 1867, when but twenty years of age, graduated as Bachelor of Medicine. Shortly afterwards he was appointed assistant demonstrator of anatomy in the school, and when the reorganization of the Medical Faculty took place he was given the chair of the professor of clinical surgery. In 1880 he became a member of the hospital staff. He was an honored and valued member of many medical associations. In the Ontario Association he was at one time president, and he also occupied the president's chair in the Toronto Clinical Society, and was a member of the University Senate for twenty-two years. Dr. McFarlane's professional connection was among the very best people in the city, his high position and practice combining as a tribute to his undoubted skill. He leaves a widow to mourn him, but no family. He was married in 1876 to Miss Bond, a sister of John Bond, of Guelph. The following gentlemen acted as honorary pall-bearers: William Mulock, M.P., Vice-Chancellor Toronto University, representing that institution; Judge Falconbridge, representing the University Senate; Dr. Temple, representing Trinity Medical School;