

Dr. Gordon, who died at the age of fifty-three, enjoyed the confidence of a large number of citizens of Toronto who sought his services as a physician. He was a most successful teacher of clinical medicine at the Toronto General Hospital where he won the admiration and respect of many students in recent years. His many friends in the Academy will share with many other citizens of Toronto the sense of great loss which they will feel deeply and sincerely.

Dr. Gordon graduated in medicine from the University of Toronto in 1890. Soon after graduation he acquired a very large practice. Of late years he restricted himself to the work of a consulting physician and, more recently, specialized on diseases of the heart. In pursuit of investigations on cardiac affections, he had worked with Sir James Mackenzie and, had he lived, it was his intention to devote his energies exclusively to that department of medicine.

In 1903 Dr. Gordon was appointed Associate Professor of clinical medicine in the University of Toronto and held this appointment at the time of his death. In the Toronto General Hospital he was senior assistant physician and in that institution his teaching and clinical work were characterized by rare accuracy, efficiency and thoroughness.

Shortly after the Great European War broke out the University of Toronto offered a Base Hospital for service in the field officered by members of the University Staff. Dr. Gordon was among the first to volunteer for duty and, with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, was attached to the staff of the hospital which became known as No. 4 Canadian General Hospital, now doing duty at Saloniki. After the necessary preliminary training in Canada he sailed with this Unit for England, but was invalided home because of the serious nature of the illness which manifested itself when he was on active service. The loss of his services in this hospital was greatly felt and it was with keen regret his fellow officers parted with him at Shorncliffe.

The Academy, while recording their sense of deep regret in the death of Dr. Gordon whose broad sympathies and exceptional ability endeared him to the individual members, wish to extend to Mrs. Gordon, and to her children their most respectful sympathy in the great personal loss which they have sustained.

PRESENTATION TO THE TORONTO ACADEMY OF MEDICINE OF A NUMBER OF PORTRAITS.

By Dr. John Ferguson, President.

Galen (131-201 A.D. The greatest Greek physician after Hippocrates. He was the founder of experimental medicine. He was an architect's son and was born in Pergamus. He was of a very restless nature