intimacy with the few men who were in the regiment during those early years of his life when he wore the MacKenzie tartan. For many years he was a citizen of Edinburgh, and was well beloved by a circle of devoted friends. A man of genial nature and lovable disposition, he brought the charming manner of an old-world courtesy into our modern times.

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We deeply regret the loss which has befallen the medical profession by the death, on 14th February, of Dr. Milne Murray.

Robert Milne Murray was born in 1855 at Fettercairn. His father, a schoolmaster, was a man well known in the district both as a sound teacher and as a man of culture. From him his son received the early education which enabled him, when he went to the University of St. Andrews, to take a high place. Having graduated as Master of Arts in 1875, he went to Edinburgh and commenced the study of medicine. He took his degree with honours in 1879, and was appointed Resident Surgeon at the Maternity Hospital, and Assistant to Dr. Halliday Croom. In this way he became associated with that department of medicine which he was destined to adorn so conspicuously, and was able to develop the wonderful powers of clear exposition and convincing demonstration which made him so successful as a teacher. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians in 1886, in which year he became a Lecturer on Midwifery and Diseases of Women in the Edinburgh School of Medicine. As a lecturer he was singularly successful. He was endowed with a keen sense of humour, and the dullest subject was lit up by him with sudden and unpremeditated flashes of wit.

In the department of midwifery Dr. Milne Murray had reached a position of high eminence. He was a Physician to the Royal Maternity Hospital of Edinburgh, and Examiner in London on Obstetrics to the Indian Medical Service. To the literature of the subject he contributed numerous papers, the majority of which have appeared in this Journal. In the practice of gynaecology Dr. Murray had also established a wide reputation as a writer and operator.

A subject which he had made peculiarly his own was the use and the scope of the midwifery forceps. He reduced the matter to mathematical and mechanical perfection, and the instrument which he devised was capable of doing all that it is possible for forceps to do. The Obstetrical Society of Edinburgh, where most of his papers were first read, honoured him in 1900 by electing him as its President.

While to many Dr. Milne Murray was known as an obstetrician and gynaecologist, to another world he was equally famous as an electrician. In the Royal Scottish Society of Arts, of which in 1892 he became Vice-president, he read numerous papers on subjects bearing upon the applications of electricity, and for these papers he was awarded several prizes, including the Keith Prize and the Maldougal-Brisbane Prize. He not only devised but actually himself constructed much electrical apparatus, and he left a private laboratory containing costly and delicate instruments.
There is scarcely one tie in life stronger than that which binds a teacher and a favourite pupil, if that be as it ought. If the relation is unruffled by even a breath of misunderstanding, the relationship is both paternal and brotherly, and if cemented by mutual respect and oneness of interest in common study, then the co-existence is most delightful, and the separation of death bitter indeed.

Robert Milne Murray was a man whose character was many-sided, and he had a wide interest in every branch of knowledge. In pure science he might have attained to the highest eminence, while in art he was something of an expert, an acknowledged authority on engravings, a very competent judge of painting, with a keen eye for the beauties of architecture, knowing the characteristic features of most of our cathedrals at home and abroad. It was music, however, which engrossed most of his attention in his leisure hours.

Dr. Murray, while admiring all that was beautiful in the old, was a devoted enthusiast (as was natural to one whose mind was ever open to progress everywhere) to the more modern school of Germany, which seemed to open up for him a new world of thought and feeling.

His gentle and kindly nature amid weakness and failing health, his unwearied devotion to duty and perfect consideration for others, his manliness, his simple and unaffected goodness, will long endear him to us who had the happiness of serving with him in school or in hospital, or the privilege of seeing him during his long and painful illness.

Few men, without courting popularity, have commanded such general respect from all classes of the community, and all sections of opinion,—as well from those who knew him by little more than reputation as from those who enjoyed a closer intimacy. Not many men have seemed to understand more practically the obligations of his profession, or to exhibit more persuasively before the eyes of a younger generation all that was most truly honourable and stimulating in the brotherhood of science.

Milne Murray could ill be spared from our medical school. His death has made a vacancy in our midst, which for long it will be hard to fill. We mourn a life untimely cut short, full indeed of attainments, yet fuller still in promise of what might have been in the future, and we lose in him a sample of that disinterestedness and singleness of character which is more important to our common human life than even politics, or art, or science, or literature.

Into the more sacred region of religion it is not for us to enter. Milne Murray's independence and thoroughness were characteristic of him here as elsewhere. He took nothing for granted, laid claim to nothing which he had not truly made his own, and if he passed through the pain of doubt, yet

"He fought his doubts and gathered strength,
He would not make his judgment blind;
He faced the spectres of his mind,
And laid them.
Thus he came at length
To find a stronger faith his own."

To her who brightened his life, and whose devotion cheered his long illness, we present our deepest and most respectful sympathy in her loneliness.