

FEMALE PHYSICIANS

*A directory of short character sketches
about female physicians who graduated
from the Ontario Medical College for
Women at Toronto.*

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Introduction

“Since the initial steps to the formation of the first Medical College for Women in Canada was taken at a meeting in Shaftesbury Hall, Toronto in the spring of 1883, until the final closing of the college, July 1, 1906, the medical education of women in Canada has kept pace with that given in any college of the kind on this continent or in older lands.

The first Board of Trustees appointed by the subscribers to the college funds consisted of James Beatty, Q.C. M.P., Chairman; Rev. Professor Caven, Dr. M. Barrett, M.A., Dr. George Wright, M.A., Dr. Adam Wright, B.A., Mr. Irving Cameron, Mrs. James Gooderham, Mrs. John Harvie, and Mrs. McEwan, Secretary. They purchased the lot at 291 Sumach Street, and the formal opening of the Women’s Medical College took place October 1, 1883, with three registered students in attendance.

In 1887, two of the students were graduated from Trinity University with the degrees of M.D., C.M. In the same year occurred the death of the first Dean, Dr. Michael Barrett, to whose energy and enterprise the inception of the college was in no small measure due. Dr. Alexander McPhedram was appointed Dean the same year and in 1888, Dr. R.B. Nevitt succeeded him.

In 1890 the new college buildings were opened and the college was affiliated with Toronto University. Before this time the students from the Women’s College had passed the examinations required for their degrees in medicine at Trinity University. From this time forward until the present they have had the option of trying either University and both Universities have graduates from each succeeding class of women students.

In 1894 the college was re-organized under the Ontario Joint Stock Companies Act. It now took the name of the Ontario Medical College for Women (Ltd.), the President and Dean being Dr. R.B. Nevitt, Secretary-treasurer and Registrar, Dr. D.J. Gibb Wishart, and in the same year the Alumna Association was organized with Dr. S.P. Boyle (a ’90 graduate) as first president.

Four years later, Dr. Jean Cruikshank was appointed registrar, but resigned in 1901. Dr. Jean Willson was made her successor in office.

The Commission appointed by the Government in 1905 regarding the re-organization of the University of Toronto, brought in as one the clauses in its report that the University should provide for the medical education of women, and this report having since become law, the Medical Faculty now accept women as registered students in medicine, giving them the same tuition as the men, and requiring them to pass the same examinations.

Some of this change, no doubt, has been due to the general enlightenment and education of people over the world, but the existence of a Women’s Medical College in Toronto, the educational centre of Canada, directed by a Dean and Faculty, animated by the highest ideals of the profession, displaying self-sacrificing devotion to the work in hand and obtaining results of uniform excellence, has had much to do with the overcoming of prejudice in this fair land of promise.

Among the Alumnae, scattered as they are through Canada, Great Britain, Australia, United States, India, and China, who have continued to practice their profession, some have become eminent, others have shown good ability, and all have done credit to themselves and honor to the sincerity, ability, and culture of the Dean and Faculty of their Alma Mater.”

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The Physicians

Agar, Mary Louise Dr.
1856-1931

Mary Louise Agar was born at the farm near Port Hope, Ontario on November 9, 1856 daughter of Thomas Agar and Abigail Weary. Resolute that their children should have a university education, they moved to Toronto where Mary graduated from the Toronto Normal School in 1885 and entered into the study of medicine at the O.M.C.W. She and her brother, John Samuel Agar, both completed their medical education in 1890 and established a joint practice at Dover Centre in Kent County, Ontario. The unique sister and brother partnership proved congenial and successful, a fact attested by the high regard in which the Drs. Agar were held throughout the area they served. Their joint offices were later transferred to Chatham. Dr. Mary Louise Agar died on March 6, 1931 aged 74 years 3 months 27 days.

Alguire, Annie Belle McCallum Dr.
1868-1950

Annie Belle McCallum was born at Caintown, Leeds County, Ontario in May 1868 daughter of Rev Daniel and Janet McCallum. Her early education was obtained at Trinity University in Toronto after which she taught public school before attending the O.M.C.W; she graduated in 1895 and began her practice at Gananoque, Ontario. Dr. McCallum was united in marriage to Dr. Alden Alguire, a graduate of Rush Medical College in Chicago, on September 25, 1895; the couple established themselves in practice at Belvidere, Illinois. She was widely known as a songwriter, poet, inventor and physician; she practiced medicine for 49 years, 46 of which she spent in Belvidere. In 1916 she invented and patented a thimble-holder, served as physician for the National Sewing Machine Company, wrote music and lyrics to patriotic war-time songs, and covered for the younger physicians during WW2. Dr. Annie Belle McCallum Alguire died on October 8, 1950 aged 82 years 5 months.

Allyn, Jessie Matilda Dr.
1880-1944

Jessie Matilda Allyn was born at Delta, Ontario on November 30, 1880 daughter of Lester Allyn and Hannah Ripley. She matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1904, interned in Philadelphia and for 38 years served as a medical missionary in India. Dr. Allyn first went to Viryyuru, India under the Canadian Baptist Foreign Mission in 1906 and in 1910 was appointed to Pithapuram where she continued her medical service. In recognition of her service, Dr. Allyn was honoured with the Kaiser-i-Hind Medal; so successful was she in her hospital work and medical practice that the Maharajah of the Godavari called her to attend the Maharani at the birth of his son and heir and later other children born into the family. Generous gifts were donated by the Maharajah for the work of the Women's Hospital which Dr. Allyn established at Pithapuram in 1911. In 1942 she was appointed as secretary of the Christian Medical Association of India, Burma and

Ceylon. Dr. Jessie Matilda Allyn died in Bombay on August 26, 1944 aged 63 years 8 months 26 days.

**Armstrong, Laura Elise Dr.
1873-1901**

Laura Elise Armstrong was born at South Marsh, Ontario on April 10, 1873 daughter of Thomas Armstrong and Jane Beatty. She graduated from the Almonte high school in 1892 and took a course at the Lady Stanley Institute in Ottawa; this was the first nursing school of that City founded in 1891 by the wife of Governor General Frederick Stanley who presented Canada with the Stanley Cup. Matriculating the O.M.C.W. in 1897, Dr. Armstrong practiced in Florence, Colorado until December 1899, and owing to ill health went to Sierra Madre in southern California. Dr. Laura Elise Armstrong died in late March 1901 aged 27 years 11 months.

**Bagshaw, Elizabeth Catherine
Dr.
1881-1982**

Elizabeth Catherine Bagshaw was born at the farm at Cannington, Ontario on October 19, 1881 daughter of John Bagshaw and Elizabeth Beatty. She graduated the Lindsay Collegiate in 1901 and matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1905. Dr. Bagshaw hung her shingle at Hamilton, Ontario and joined in practice with Dr. Mabel Henderson; a horse and buggy practice on a wooden-sidewalked King Street. In 1925 as a single woman over 40, she adopted the son of distant relatives. Dr. Bagshaw became the medical director of a planned parenthood clinic in Hamilton in 1932, dispensing family planning advice for 35 years when it was illegal to do so. She was a founding member of the Federation of Medical Women of Canada and was a trailblazer throughout her 71 years in the practice of medicine. Dr. Bagshaw was awarded the Order of Canada and in 1979 on the 50th anniversary of the day women were declared in law to be persons, was awarded by the Governor General the "Persons Award". Dr. Elizabeth Catherine Bagshaw died on January 5, 1982 aged 100 years 2 months 16 days.

**Bennett, Eleanor Florence
Lucas 1880-1959**

Eleanor Florence Lucas was born at Churchill, Ontario on December 4, 1880 daughter of John Lucas and Elizabeth Allan; Mr. Lucas served as Magistrate in Churchill for 6 years. Dr. Lucas matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1903 and did post graduate work in Boston after which she practiced medicine in Toronto. She was united in marriage to Dr. Alpha Clayton Bennett on July 7, 1915; he was a graduate of the University of Toronto in 1905, took post graduate work in London and opened a general practice in Toronto in 1906. Dr. A C Bennett was associated with St Joseph's Hospital and was on the board of governors of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. Dr. Eleanor Bennett was a member of the University Women's Club. Dr. Eleanor Florence Bennett died at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital on October 22, 1959 aged 78 years 10 months 18 days.

**Best, Margaret Blanche Dr.
1865-1921**

Margaret Blanche Best was born at Meadville, Pennsylvania in May 1865 daughter of Dr. David Best and Elizabeth Lockhart; Dr. Best was a

graduate of the University of PA in 1850. She was a graduate of the Meadville Academy in 1884 after which she continued her studies at La Salle College where she began the study of elocution and physical culture and later taught at Allegheny College in New York. In 1890 Margaret was awarded the Sargent Prize when she was judged to be the most perfectly formed woman in America. Dr. Best matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1899 and established herself in the practice of her life's work at Meadville. Dr. Margaret Blanche Best died on May 28, 1921 aged 56 years.

Birnie, Jessie Amelia Dr.
1857-1935

Jessie Amelia Birnie was born at Collingwood, Ontario on August 1, 1857 daughter of John Birnie and Caroline Bell. She started her professional career as a school teacher in her home town and matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1898. Dr. Birnie established herself at Peterborough, Ontario, was noted as a pioneer in baby health work, and there followed the practice of her life's work until 1931. She removed to San Rafael, California. Dr. Jessie Amelia Birnie died on June 17, 1935 aged 77 years 10 months 16 days.

Bloomfield, Jane Stewart Shirra Dr.
1861-1950

Jane Stewart Shirra was born at Caledonia Mills, Ontario on May 10, 1861 daughter of Robert Shirra and Jane Stewart; Mr. Shirra was a Scottish immigrant and merchant miller. A graduate of the O.M.C.W. in 1894, Dr. Jennie Shirra established herself in the practice of her profession in Michigan and was united in marriage to Edwin Bloomfield at Bay City on February 7, 1899. Following their marriage, Dr. Bloomfield practiced in Saginaw, MI and Edwin entered into the study of Dentistry but things did not go well thereafter. The couple removed to Cincinnati, Ohio where Mr. Bloomfield was working in a department store and Dr. Jennie was 'at home'. She went on to suffer a mental breakdown, diagnosed as paranoid psychosis, and was institutionalized at the Longview State Asylum and later at the Cambridge State Hospital in Ohio. Dr. Jennie Shirra Bloomfield died on November 2, 1950 aged 89 years 5 months 22 days.

Brown, Caroline Sophia Dr.
1862-1936

Caroline Sophia Brown was born at Derry West, Peel County, Ontario on January 30, 1862 daughter of David Brown and Margaret Armstrong. She started her professional career as a school teacher in Halton County and Toronto and matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1900. Dr. Brown took post graduate work in Dublin, Ireland and London, England before establishing herself in practice in Toronto. She was on staff at the Women's College Hospital, served as a school trustee for 10 years and was the first woman to gain a chairmanship in that body; she was a founder and regent of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire and a member of the Council of Women. Dr. Brown was interested in the St. John Ambulance Corps, the Big Sisters movement, the Girl Guides, and during the Great War was an energetic worker in recruiting and soldier welfare. She practiced her profession for more

than 25 years. Dr. Caroline Sophia Brown died on January 11, 1936 aged 73 years 11 months 11 days.

**Bryson, Mary Gamble Dr.
1874-1940**

Mary Gamble Bryson was born at Ottawa, Ontario on January 14, 1874 daughter of Charles Bryson and Hannah Bearman. She received her primary education in Ottawa, obtained her B.A. at Queen's University and matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1903. Dr. Bryson returned to her native city to set up practice; her ministrations to the ailing of that city covered a period of 16 years until she was stricken with an illness that sent her into retirement in the U.S. Dr. Bryson immigrated to La Jolla, California on October 31, 1919, accompanied by her sister and her private nurse Elizabeth Emerson, where she remained for the duration. Dr. Mary Gamble Bryson died on September 4, 1940 aged 66 years 7 months 20 days.

**Buchanan, Mary Christina Bein
MacKay Dr.
1863-1935**

Mary Christina Bein MacKay was born at Riverton, N.S. in June 1863 daughter of James and Ellen MacKay. She attended Mount Allison College, received an M.L.A. (Mistress of Liberal Arts) degree in 1883 and graduated in medicine from the O.M.C.W. in 1888. Dr. MacKay immediately set sail from Montreal to India to begin her missionary service among the Bhil people of Amkut and on board she met Dr. John Buchanan, her future husband. Rev. Buchanan graduated in Arts from Queen's University in 1885 and received the degree of Doctor of Divinity 2 years later; he graduated in medicine from the University of Vermont in 1888. They were married in India on January 25, 1889. Drs. Buchanan were pioneer missionaries to the Bhil tribe intending to improve their lot in every way possible, physically, economically, socially, mentally and spiritually. His service won recognition in 1913 with the Kaiser-i-Hind Medal and in 1935 with the King's Jubilee Medal. When she died after 47 years given to India she was praised as "a Missionary of the Gospel, Doctor, Teacher, Counsellor and Mother of the people, obeying the Master's command to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick". Dr. Mary Buchanan died in Amkhut, India on May 15, 1935 aged 71 years 11 months.

**Buck, Kathleen Loretto Dr.
1875-1951**

Kathleen Loretto Buck was born at Lindsay, Ontario in March 1875 daughter of George Buck and Mary Curtin. Dr. Buck matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1897 and soon established herself in Rochester, NY where she was head of the obstetrics department at St Mary's Hospital for 25 years. She served as president of the Women's Medical Society of NY and was one of the first practitioners to use radiology in Rochester. Dr. Buck followed the practice of her profession in her adopted home for over 5 decades. Dr. Kathleen Loretto Buck died on March 21, 1951 aged 76 years.

**Campbell, Mary May Brander
Dr.
1873-1948**

Mary May Brander was born at Markham, Ontario on March 1, 1873 daughter of James Brander and Mary Brown. Minnie was raised in Priceville and from the local paper of January 1888: "We beg to congratulate Miss Minnie Brander upon the brilliant success achieved by her recent Entrance Examinations, in obtaining the highest number of marks and thereby heading the list of 269 candidates, of whom 111 were successful in passing." She matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1893 and again from the paper: "Miss Minnie Brander, daughter of Mr. James Brander, general merchant in Priceville, has passed her final exam in medicine at Toronto with honours; she took first place". Dr. Brander soon established herself in practice at Priceville and located her office and residence at the Methodist Parsonage. She retired from the practice of her profession in July 1896 and was united in marriage to Rev. Donald Campbell on October 7, 1896. Dr. Minnie Brander Campbell died at Priceville on November 6, 1948 aged 75 years 8 months 5 days.

**Carson, Jennie Dr.
1865-1933**

Jennie Carson was born at Amaranth, Ontario on July 9, 1865 daughter of Joseph Carson and Martha Wallace. Mr. Carson was a public school principal and later an inspector of schools and demanded academic excellence from his children; as early as 1879 he showed interest in the proposed establishment of a medical program for women. Although she was the eldest child she graduated from the O.M.C.W. in 1889, a year after her sister Susie. She practiced in association with Susie and later with Dr. James Henry Duncan in Chatham, Ontario and was the attending physician to her sister when she died at the Chatham Hospital in 1908. Her sister Anna was married in 1909 (Arthur Reginald Dingman) and shortly thereafter they all removed to Vancouver, B.C. where Dr. Carson was engaged in the employ of the Vancouver Y.W.C.A. and lived nearby at 997 Dunsmuir Street; at one time she served as general Superintendent of the Y.W.C.A. Dr. Carson's health however was an issue and on occasion she took respite at the Harrison Hot Springs located in the Fraser Valley and named after a former deputy governor of the Hudson Bay Company. Dr. Jennie Carson died at Vancouver on February 28, 1933 aged 67 years 7 months 19 days.

**Carson, Susanna Dr.
1868-1908**

Susanna Carson was born at Amaranth, Ontario in February 1868 daughter of Joseph Carson and Martha Wallace. Susie was a graduate of the O.M.C.W. in 1888 and practiced in London, Ontario and then, after her father's death in 1889, in Strathroy, Ontario with her sister Jennie. In 1894 she met Petrus Rijnhart, a charismatic former missionary with the China Inland Mission who was soliciting financial support to return to Xizang Province, China; they married on September 15, 1894. A few weeks later they set out for Lhasa, Tibet traveling across China by houseboat and mule cart, encountered a Muslim Rebellion, were attacked by robbers, deserted by their guides,

Petrus disappeared, and her baby died. Her medical work aside, Dr. Rijnhart's evangelistic efforts had no visible effect, recording no converts during her 4 years in Tibet. In broken health she returned home, authored *With the Tibetans in Tent and Temple* and appeared on the lecture tour of Canadian churches. In 1902 she returned to Tibet and founded the Disciples of Christ Mission, married James Moyes in 1905, worked with the Christian Literature Society in Chengdu, China and returned to Canada in 1907. She was a gentle physician whose life epitomized the dangers of pioneer missionary work: much sacrifice but few results. Dr. Susie Carson Rijnhart Moyes died at Chatham, Ontario on February 7, 1908 aged 40 years.

**Chenoweth, Nancy Ann
Rodger Dr.
1873-1954**

Nancy Ann Rodger was born at Belwood, Ontario on May 31, 1873 daughter of William Rodger and Barbara Gerrie. A graduate of Fergus Collegiate and then the O.M.C.W in 1894, Dr. Rodger established herself in practice at Menominee, Michigan for 10 years and was united in marriage to Methodist Minister, Rev. George Chenoweth in July 1905. With him, Dr. Chenoweth went to the Northwest Territories and began practice in Walsh, Alberta and later at Pincher Creek, AB and Michel, BC where her husband died in 1911. Dr. Chenoweth returned to Escanaba, MI, a booming lumber city and prosperous lake port. She took post graduate work in Chicago and installed one of the first X-Ray machines in the Upper Peninsula. In 1947 she removed to Peterborough where she was in practice with her son. Dr. Nancy Rodger Chenoweth died on February 15, 1954 aged 80 years 8 months 14 days.

**Chute, Pearl Smith Dr.
1871-1948**

Pearl Smith was born in St. Catharines, Ontario on January 25, 1871 daughter of Andrew Smith and Annie Gibbs. Matriculating the O.M.C.W. in 1895, Dr. Smith was the first woman physician accepted for internship in Canada (St. Michael's Hospital); she was married on December 12, 1895 to Rev. Dr. Jesse Chute. Dr. Pearl Chute spent 25 years in India, founded the Star of Hope Hospital at Akidu under the auspices of the Canadian Baptist Mission and was awarded the Kaiser-i-Hind Medal for distinguished medical service in India. Her son later became dean of medicine at the University of Toronto. She retired to Toronto. Dr. Pearl Smith Chute died on January 12, 1948 aged 76 years 11 months 17 days.

**Cleland, Annie MacKenzie
Chambers Dr.
1859-1949**

Annie MacKenzie Chambers was born at Port Elgin, Ontario on December 25, 1859 daughter of Thomas Chambers and Catherine Sansborn. Matriculating the O.M.C.W. in 1892, Dr. Chambers took post graduate work at the Universities of London, Edinburgh and Vienna, was united in marriage to Hugh McKenzie Cleland on June 21, 1899 and established herself in practice in British Columbia. Mr. Cleland was a barrister-at-law, a graduate of Osgood Hall and a victim of tuberculosis; he died at their residence, Hawthorndene, Victoria, on

November 4, 1903. In 1906 Dr. Cleland traveled around the world and then took an appointment at Lady Kinnaird's Memorial Hospital in Lucknow, India as a medical missionary. When her health failed, she returned to Canada, settled in Victoria, continued her practice, and lived the retired life at age 80 in Vancouver. She was one of the first women doctors to be licensed in British Columbia. Dr. Annie MacKenzie Chambers Cleland died on August 25, 1949 aged 89 years 8 months.

**Cockburn, Harriet MacMillan
Dr.
1873-1948**

Harriet MacMillan Cockburn was born in Toronto on September 3, 1873 daughter of Alexander Cockburn and Mary Proctor. Dr. Cockburn was a graduate of the O.M.C.W. in 1897 and until about 1906 worked at the Cobourg Asylum for the Insane, a woman's institute. She established herself at Regina, Saskatchewan but at the outbreak of WW1 she was one of a number of medical workers who, as a part of the foreign medical and humanitarian aid, arrived in Serbia to help its army and people. Dr. Cockburn served with the Stobart Unit and in October 1915 was part of the "Great Escape" with the Serbian people, a winter trek through the mountains, mud, snow, hunger, frostbite and typhus, during which 40,000 perished. Along the way, she met an orphan and adopted him after the War. Later, she was appointed as medical inspections officer for schools. Dr. Harriet MacMillan Cockburn died at Toronto on December 16, 1948 aged 75 years 3 months 13 days.

**Constantineau, Alice
McLaughlin Dr.
1859-1933**

Alice McLaughlin was born at Mono Mills, Ontario on May 18, 1859 daughter of Michael McLaughlin and Mary Keenan. She was a graduate of the O.M.C.W. in 1887 and established herself in the practice of her profession at Toronto where she also served as demonstrator of anatomy at the Women's Medical College. On June 8, 1891 Dr. McLaughlin was united in marriage to Albert Constantineau, a graduate of Osgoode Hall, called to the Bar in 1890; she did not practice medicine after her marriage. Mr. Constantineau served as President of the St Jean Baptiste Society, owned and edited the French newspaper *L'Interprete* in L'Orignal, Ontario, was appointed a Judge and served for over 40 years as a Magistrate for the Carleton Prescott Russell District. Alice McLaughlin Constantineau died at Ottawa on October 12, 1933 aged 74 years 4 months 24 days.

**Crawford, Georgina Lillian
Urquhart Dr.
1882-1959**

Georgina Lillian Urquhart was born at Dunvegan, Ontario on March 28, 1882 daughter of William Urquhart and Janet Dickson. She moved to Vancouver in 1890, graduated the Vancouver Collegiate in 1901 and matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1905. Dr. Urquhart took post graduate work in New York and in 1907 returned to Vancouver where she was appointed as the first medical inspector of schools; reportedly, the first school doctor in Canada. She was united in marriage to Gustavus Crawford on August 18, 1909 following which she removed to New

York and settled at East Orange, New Jersey. Dr. Crawford enjoyed an extensive practice in New Jersey, worked at the paediatric clinic of the NY Lying-In Hospital and served on staff of the Orange Memorial Hospital. She served 21 years as physician to the Essex County Vocational and Technical School for Girls and 23 years for the Bell Telephone Company. Dr. Georgina Urquhart Crawford died on February 2, 1959 aged 76 years 10 months 4 days.

**Crawford, Mary Elizabeth Dr.
1876-1953**

Mary Elizabeth Crawford was born at Lancashire, England on June 2, 1876 daughter of Matthew Crawford and Mary MacWilliam. Her father was a Captain in the Mercantile Marine and after his death his widow moved to Ottawa where she was principal of the Presbyterian Ladies College. Mary was educated at the Ottawa Normal School, matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1900 and interned at the West Philadelphia Hospital for Women and Children. Dr. Crawford established herself in private practice in Winnipeg and after 8 years there was appointed chief medical inspector for the public schools of Winnipeg. She was made a member of the Venerable Order of St John of Jerusalem for her contribution to the welfare of Winnipeg children through the promotion of first aid work in the schools. Dr. Crawford was a founding member and president of the University Women's Club and president of the International Association of Women Physicians; she took an active interest in women's suffrage and served as president of the Women's Equity League. Dr. Crawford retired in 1941 and removed to Invermere, British Columbia. Dr. Mary Elizabeth Crawford died on June 6, 1953 aged 77 years 4 days.

**Davidson, Isabella Mary
Thomson Dr.
1874-1970**

Isabella Mary Thomson was born at the farm at Scarborough, Ontario on May 18, 1874 daughter of Amos Thomson and Isabella Brownlie. Dr. Thomson matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1902 and was united in marriage to Rev. David Davidson on October 21, 1903. Rev. and Dr. Davidson were missionaries to India where they served for 40 years before retiring to Ontario. The plaque outside her Scarborough home reads as follows: "Thomson House – built in 1848 by the 8th child of Scarborough's first settlers, David and Mary Thomson, natives of Dumfriesshire, Scotland, who came to Canada in 1795 and made their home in a log cabin in the forest in the valley below this spot in 1796. Their great granddaughter, Dr. Isabella Davidson became the first Scarborough woman to graduate in medicine in 1902; and after serving as a Doctor in India for 40 years she made her home here until her death at the age of 96 in 1970." Dr. Isabella Thomson Davidson died on January 15, 1970 aged 95 years 7 months 27 days.

**Davidson, Mary Eleanor Allen
Dr.
1862-1914**

Mary Eleanor Allen was born at Fordwich, Ontario on November 13, 1862 daughter of Samuel Allen and Margarett Seney. She matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1895 and was married to James Davidson in Winnipeg, Manitoba on March 15, 1899. Mr. Davidson

entered the grain and milling business taking over the Beautiful Plains Milling Company and formed the Manitoba Milling Company which he served as president and general manager; they operated 13 grain elevators in the Neepawa district on the Canadian Northern Railway and the Canadian Pacific Railway. He died in Long Beach, California in 1911. Dr. Mary Eleanor Allen Davidson died in Spokane, Washington on March 3, 1914 aged 51 years 3 months 20 days.

**Davis, Annie Dr.
1874-1919**

Annie Davis was born at the farm at Jarvis, Ontario on May 4 1874 daughter of James Davis and Jane Mitchell. She started her professional career as a teacher and helped put her two younger sisters through high school after her father died in 1886. Dr. Davis matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1902; when sexual organs were being taught, Annie had to excuse herself from the classroom. She practiced for a time in Brigden, Ontario and removed to Hamilton about 1907. Here she was engaged in a large practice up to the time of her last illness of one week's duration. Dr. Davis had her office at 775 King Street on the second floor while her sister operated the pharmacy on the main floor. Some of Annie's medical equipment is now in the possession of the Hamilton Public Library. Dr. Annie Davis died on March 5, 1919 aged 44 years 10 months 1 day.

**Douglass, Margaret Ellen Dr.
1878-1950**

Margaret Ellen Douglass was born at Stanley, New Brunswick on January 12, 1878 daughter of Andrew Douglass and Martha Best. She received her education at Edgehill Anglican Church School in Windsor, NS and at the University of New Brunswick, matriculating the O.M.C.W. in 1905. After post graduate work in Baltimore, New York, and London, Dr. Douglass practiced for a time in St John before removing to Winnipeg in 1909. In WW1, Dr. Douglas served as Major in the Royal Army Medical Corps and was awarded the Allies Medal and the British War Medal for her service. In 1927 she visited medical centres in India and China to teach better methods for caring for women. Dr. Douglass was president of the Winnipeg Women's Canadian Club, the Canadian Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs and in 1948 while serving as provincial commissioner of the St John Ambulance Brigade was given the title of Commander Sister of the Order. Dr. Margaret Ellen Douglass died on July 11, 1950 aged 72 years 5 months 29 days.

**Dymond, Bertha Dr.
1866-1931**

Bertha Dymond was born at London, England on August 7, 1866 daughter of Alfred Dymond and Helen Henderson. She immigrated to Canada with her family in 1869; the father of our subject served as the editorial writer of the Toronto Globe newspaper, was elected M.P. for York North, and in 1880 was appointed principal of the Ontario school for the blind at Brantford. Dr. Dymond was a graduate of the O.M.C.W. in 1892, was an instructor in physiology and hygiene at St. Margaret's College, ran her own rooming house with a total of nine boarders and

practiced for some years in Toronto. After a decade and a half, she started working her way west, attending to the Black River First Nations at Lac du Bonnet, Manitoba before serving as a medical inspector for the Public Health Department in Regina. In 1923, Dr. Dymond became a naturalized U.S. citizen at Seattle, Washington. Dr. Bertha Dymond died in August 1931 aged 65 years.

**Elliott, Eleanor Edwards Dr.
1872-1948**

Eleanor Edwards was born at Peoria, Illinois on September 15, 1872 daughter of Rev. Jonathan Edwards and Elizabeth Rice. She matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1900 and was united in marriage to Rev. Walter Scott Elliott on November 1, 1900 in Peoria. The Rev. and Dr. Elliott were American missionaries with the China Inland Mission at Changsha Station in Honan Province and spent a collective 60 years in service. In 1900, a group of Chinese called 'Boxers' set out to exterminate all foreigners in China in a reign of terror during which hundreds of missionaries and Chinese Christians were put to death; the China Inland Mission lost 79 people. Rev. Elliott was a colporteur for the American Bible Society and distributed Bibles and Christian literature in Honan province. Dr. Eleanor Edwards Elliott died in Garden Grove, California on January 21, 1948 aged 75 years 4 months 6 days.

**Fisher, Eva Jeanette Ryan Dr.
1862-1958**

Eva Jeanette Ryan was born at the farm at Trafalgar, Ontario on June 11, 1862 daughter of George Ryan and Harriet Lane. To help finance her medical education she taught school for several years and matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1893. Dr. Ryan was united in marriage to farmer Arthur Fisher on December 20, 1894. Dr. Eva Fisher established herself in the practice of her profession at Arthur, Ontario where she practiced for 35 years and for 4 years was in charge of the Red Cross Hospital in Tobermory. She lived the last 10 years in the retired life. Dr. Eva Ryan Fisher died at Bracebridge, Ontario on December 24, 1958 aged 96 years 6 months 13 days.

**Fleming, Margaret Amanda
Dr.
1863-1941**

Margaret Amanda Fleming was born at Cheltenham, Ontario on August 28, 1863 daughter of James Fleming and Elizabeth Neely. Matriculating the O.M.C.W. in 1894, Dr. Fleming immigrated thereafter to the birth land of her mother and was engaged in the practice of medicine at the Worcester, Massachusetts Lunatic Hospital. She was also employed at the Detroit Free Dispensary for women and children before spending time at Belen, New Mexico and Florence City, Colorado. Dr. Fleming specialized in psychiatric illness and by 1915 was engaged in the employ of the Iowa State Hospital in Independence City and by 1930 at the Cherokee State Hospital for the Insane in Iowa. Plagued with pulmonary tuberculosis she lived the retired life at Sipe Springs, Texas with her sister Ann. Dr. Margaret Amanda Fleming died on May 17, 1941 aged 77 years 8 months 19 days.

**Forster, Margaret Lillian
MacMillan Dr.
1867-1941**

Margaret Lillian MacMillan was born at Tilsonburg, Oxford County, Ontario on July 19, 1867 daughter of Buchanan MacMillan and Betsy McNee; Mr. MacMillan was a carpenter. She matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1895 and was united in marriage to Rev. John Cooper Forster on February 14, 1896 in Vancouver, BC; Reverend Forster, a native of Madoc, Ontario, was a clergyman at the St. Columbia Presbyterian Church in Victoria. They raised their family at the various charges occupied by the Pastor which included Victoria until 1899, New Westminster until 1901, Red Deer, Alberta until 1907, Durham County, Ontario until 1912, Watford, Ontario until 1921, Burns and Moore Line United Church until 1925, Sombra until 1929 and then at Londesboro; they retired in 1932 to Sarnia, Ontario. Dr. Margaret MacMillan Forster died on June 14, 1941 aged 73 years 10 months 25 days.

**Fraser, Margaret Ethel Victoria
Dr.
1871-1962**

Margaret Ethel Victoria Fraser was born at Quebec City, QC on October 5, 1871 daughter of Donald Fraser and Elizabeth Brown. She studied at the city high school, obtained her B.A. at Morrin College in 1894 and matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1899. Dr. Fraser established herself at the New England Hospital for Women in Boston and in 1905 removed to Denver, Colorado where she engaged in private practice and worked at the Denver County Hospital and for the State board of health. During WW1, Dr. Fraser directed the American Women's Hospital in La Ferte-Milon in France and in 1919 was awarded the Medaille de la Reconnaissance Francaise for her efforts. She returned to Colorado where she was involved in women's rights and environmental protection. Dr. Fraser participated in meetings of the International Federation of University Women and was a co-founder of the Colorado Mountain Club which played a leading role in establishing Colorado's Rocky Mountain National Park. Dr. Margaret Ethel Victoria Fraser died on March 3, 1962 aged 90 years 4 months 28 days.

**Gordon, Margaret Blair Young
Dr.
1861-1928**

Margaret Blair Young was born at London, Ontario on January 14, 1861 daughter of John Young and Mary Fame. She was united in marriage to George Gordon on September 30, 1885 and matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1898. Dr. Gordon was associated with the Women's Medical College up to the time of its absorption by the University of Toronto. She was one of the first women to see that women must fight for suffrage rights, and upon her instigation, referenda were held in municipalities of Ontario upon the question of municipal franchise for women. Dr. Gordon was at the helm of the Canadian Suffrage Association in 1916 and a member of the Women's Christian Temperance Association. She was always in the centre of any movement which had to do with the betterment of women's conditions. Dr. Margaret Blair Young Gordon died on September 22, 1928 aged 67 years 8 months 8 days.

Gould, Margaret Ann Dr.
1869-1947

Margaret Ann Gould was born at Coleraine, Ontario on July 25, 1869 daughter of David Gould and Elizabeth Reid. She removed to Hanover as a young child with her parents, was educated there, and taught public school for a few years. Dr. Gould matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1898 and interned at the Women's College Hospital at Philadelphia where she remained on staff for 2 years after which she went to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and practiced her profession for over 30 years. She took ill while enroute to spend the winter in Florida and died at the Youngstown, PA Hospital. Dr. Margaret Ann Gould died on October 30, 1947 aged 78 years 3 months 5 days.

Graham, Lucinda Dr.
1862-1894

Lucinda Graham was born near Dundalk, Ontario on December 16, 1862 daughter of Henry Graham and Lucinda Brown. After completing her collegiate and normal courses she taught for one year and matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1891. She was, as well, an active member of the Westminster Church Young People's Society and a successful Sabbath school teacher. Dr. Graham began her medical work in Toronto and was in charge of a public dispensary there. Her interest in missions to unevangelized lands was long-standing and in September 1892 she set sail for Honan, China. Here, Dr. Graham studied the Chinese language and rendered valuable medical aid at her own and other mission stations. She visited hospitals and dispensaries in Shanghai and Arima, Japan thereby gaining valuable knowledge and experience. In September 1894 Dr. Graham returned to Tientsin where, while in attendance of others, was attacked by a virulent form of cholera and died after an illness of less than one day's duration. She spent only 2 years in China but during that time set an inspiring and ennobling example. Dr. Lucinda Graham died on October 13, 1894 aged 31 years 9 months 27 days.

Grant, Susannah McCalla Dr.
1871-1970

Susannah McCalla was born at St. Catharines, Ontario on March 14, 1871 daughter of William McCalla and Maria Copeland. She matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1900 and was preparing for the mission field in China when she met Rev. Grant. Mr. McCalla was a St Catharines business man and the principal supporter of the China Mission in Honan Province and Rev. Dr. William Harvey Grant reported to him while on furlough. Rev. Grant was delegated to escort Susan when he returned to China but due to the Boxer Rebellion they were rerouted to India where they were married on August 5, 1902. Later they were stationed at a mission in North China in the Anyang area of Honan province and spent over 50 years in missionary service. Dr. Susan McCalla Grant died on November 30, 1970 aged 99 years 8 months 16 days.

Gray, Elizabeth Rebecca Dr.
1857-1925

Elizabeth Rebecca Gray was born at Dundas, Ontario on February 4, 1857 daughter of John Gray and Jane Head; Mr. Gray was a brewer in Dundas and later a merchant in Yorkville. Elizabeth entered into the

study of medicine at the O.M.C.W. while her 2 siblings were studying medicine at the same time. Her younger brother, Henry Head Gray, graduated in 1890, and in 1891 was the victim of cyanide poisoning and identity theft by Dr. William Musgrave Ireland who subsequently died of cyanide suicide. Graduating in 1892, Dr. Gray established herself in the employ of the Women's College Hospital in Toronto where she remained for the duration; she was active in the medical alumnae association of the University of Toronto. Dr. Elizabeth Rebecca Gray died on March 16, 1925 aged 68 years 1 month 12 days.

**Greenaway, Minerva Margaret
Dr.
1873-1906**

Minerva Margaret Greenaway was born at Tottenham, Ontario on June 23, 1873 daughter of Thomas Greenaway and Matilda Totten. Dr. Greenaway matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1899 with first class honours and spent the following year in post graduate work at the West Philadelphia Hospital for Women. She established herself in practice in Toronto, was a lecturer in physiology and diseases of children and a demonstrator in anatomy at the Women's Medical College. Dr. Greenaway was a lecturer to the nurses at the Toronto Orthopaedic Hospital, on staff of the Dispensary for Women, and active in the alumnae association of the Women's Medical College. In 1906 after nursing her father and two sisters who had contracted typhoid, she succumbed to the disease. Dr. Minerva Margaret Greenaway died on September 27, 1906 aged 33 years 3 months 4 days.

**Hall, Janet Dr.
1872-1950**

Janet Hall was born at the farm in Blenheim Township near Woodstock on May 20, 1872 daughter of Thomas Hall and Agnes Robson, immigrants from Scotland. Dr. Hall matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1899 and took post graduate work in Dublin, Edinburgh, London and Paris. She returned to Woodstock, was licensed to practice on December 11, 1900, and set up her practice in partnership with Dr. William Tiffany Parke (T 1877) and later Dr. Thomas Richmond Henry (T 1904). Dr. Janet Hall followed the practice of her profession until her retirement about 1946. Dr. Janet Hall died on June 25, 1950 aged 78 years 1 month 5 days.

**Hamilton, Susanna Peel Boyle
Dr.
1868-1947**

Susanna Peel Boyle was born at Elora, Ontario on August 17, 1868 daughter of David Boyle and Martha Frankland. She was a graduate of the O.M.C.W. in 1890, for many years was on the teaching staff of the College and did much literary and scientific work in various Medical Journals and in Ethnology, assisting her father who was the provincial archaeologist. Later Dr. Boyle was assistant physician at the Independence State Hospital for the Insane in Des Moines, Iowa, in charge of the acute cases in the female wards. She taught Materia Medica and Therapeutics in the training school and directed the theatrical entertainments instituted for the patients. While there she met Dr. Arthur Stephen Hamilton, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania in 1897; they were married on December 25, 1903 at

Toronto. The Drs. Hamilton removed to Minneapolis, MN where he practiced as a specialist in nervous and mental diseases and was professor in neuropathology in the University of Minnesota. Dr. Hamilton was a Veteran of WW1, attained the rank of Major and served as neurologist at the Walter Reed Hospital at Washington. Dr. Susanna Peel Boyle Hamilton died on January 21, 1947 aged 78 years 5 months 4 days.

**Hanington, Mabel Louise Dr.
1875-1966**

Mabel Louise Hanington was born at Saint John, New Brunswick on April 19, 1875 daughter of Augustus Hanington and Jane Chase. Dr. Hanington matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1900 and interned at the New England Hospital for Women and Children in Boston. Dr. Hanington worked in the service of the Anglican Church under the Church Missionary Society of London, England as a medical missionary in Fujian Province, China from 1904 to 1918. She was then appointed as medical inspector of public schools in Saint John, a post she held for 15 years. Dr. Hanington was acutely interested in all measures promoted for the care of the feeble-minded and served as secretary of the NB Council for Mental Hygiene; she retired her position in December 1933 due to declining health. Dr. Hanington donated her Chinese costumes and accessories to the Natural History Society of New Brunswick. Dr. Mabel Louise Hanington died on April 18, 1966 aged 90 years 11 months 29 days.

**Henry, Anna Jane Dr.
1863-1942**

Anna Jane Henry was born at the farm in Albion Township, Peel County, Ontario in 1863 daughter of William Henry and Susan Irwin, immigrants from Ireland. Anna entered into the study of medicine in Toronto and matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1898 from which she entered into medical missionary work in China. Sponsored by the Methodist Women's Missionary Society, Dr. Henry was stationed in Chentu, China which, during the Boxer uprising, was the storm centre of revolt. This is Dr. Henry's account of the time at Wuchong: "On one side of the river were the Revolutionary forces and on the other the Imperialists; the battle raged around us all night long and we were in great danger from flying bullets. We had few Imperialists in our hospitals as they killed their wounded. The great danger to Missionaries was from roaming bands of robbers, hooligans of the worst type, who roamed the country firing the buildings and devastating everywhere." Dr. Henry learned the Mandarin language, worked with the female opium addicts, did hospital work, and helped train the Chinese women as nurses. Dr. Henry spent 25 years as a missionary following which she worked in China Town in Vancouver. Dr. Anna Jane Henry died at Toronto on January 13, 1942 aged 78.

**Higbee, Annie Ella Carveth Dr.
1864-1965**

Annie Ella Carveth was born at Leskard, Ontario on October 11, 1864 daughter of John Carveth and Mary Ruddock. She matriculated the Port Hope Collegiate, in 1888 graduated as a nurse from the Toronto

General Hospital, and attained her medical degree from the O.M.C.W. in 1893. Dr. Carveth established herself in California and was united in marriage on January 19, 1897 to Charles Higbee, a high school principal. In 1912 they traveled by Ox Cart to a 640 acre homestead in the Benzanson district of the Alberta Peace River. She was the only doctor in that vast area, made calls by saddle horse or buckboard in summer or a one horse sleigh in winter. Seven years later they moved to Toronto where Dr. Higbee worked as an anaesthetist for 10 years at the Toronto Western Hospital following which she established her own practice at Newcastle, Ontario for another decade. Dr. Annie Carveth Higbee died at Milton, Ontario on April 26, 1965 aged 100 years 6 months 15 days.

**Hulet, Gertrude Winifred Dr.
1871-1933**

Gertrude Winifred Hulet was born at Norwich, Ontario on April 19, 1871 daughter of Charles Hulet and Cola Eddy. She was a graduate of the O.M.C.W. in 1894 and served as a medical missionary to India. Sponsored by the Women's Society of Western Ontario, Dr. Hulet reached India in November 1900 where she immersed herself in language study and in 1902 served the mission at Ramachandrapuram then in 1904 at Vuyyuru. Here she opened a dispensary and what started as a Clinic soon developed into a large hospital taking care of the ailing in coastal parts of the Krishna District. Vuyyuru was distant, isolated and in need and for 33 years, Dr. Hulet, with her God-given capability for sympathy, motherliness, and self-forgetting service, attended to her Mission. Dr. Gertrude Winifred Hulet died in India on May 22, 1933 aged 62 years 1 month 3 days

**Hume, Rowena Grace Douglas
Dr.
1877-1966**

Rowena Grace Douglas Hume was born at Galt, Ontario on January 14, 1877 daughter of Gavin Hume and Ann Ingles, Scottish immigrants. Rowena graduated the Galt Collegiate in 1894 and matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1899. Dr. Hume took post graduate work in Chicago and London, England following which she established herself in practice at Toronto, was an assistant in anatomy and lectured in pathology and bacteriology at the Medical College for Women. Dr. Hume was a member of the committee responsible for founding of Women's College Hospital, that committee was transformed into the Hospital's board of governors and she served as the Hospital's first president; she was also the hospital's first chief of obstetrics and gynaecology a position she held for 20 years. Dr. Hume was active in Alcoholics Anonymous, the Salvation Army, and the Victor Mission for homeless men. Dr. Hume and Dr. Bagshaw founded the first birth control clinic in Canada in Hamilton on March 3, 1932 and she was the first attending doctor at the clinic. Still practicing into her eighties, Dr. Hume was found dead in her house; she had been murdered. Dr. Rowena Grace Douglas Hume died on October 2, 1966 aged 89 years 8 months 18 days.

Hurdon, Elizabeth Dr.
1868-1941

Elizabeth Hurdon was born at Bodmin, England on January 28, 1868 daughter of John Hurdon and Ann Coom. The family soon immigrated to Canada and Elizabeth earned her primary education at the Wesleyan Ladies College in Hamilton, graduated in 1886, then studied medicine at the O.M.C.W. and matriculated in 1895. Dr. Hurdon went to the John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore where she studied under Sir William Osler, and others including Dr. Thomas Cullen, specialized in gynaecological pathology and became the first woman Professor of the Hospital. She remained in Baltimore where she established a private practice until the outbreak of WW1; Dr. Hurdon joined the Royal Army Medical Corps in 1915 with the rank of Captain, served in Malta and Salonica, and was later transferred to the military hospitals in Greenwich and Woolwich. Following the War, she studied the effects of radium therapy in carcinoma of the uterus and was appointed the first Director of the Marie Currie Hospital in London. Dr. Hurdon received the Order of Commander of the British Empire, retired in 1939, and authored a book on the treatment of uterine cancer. Dr. Elizabeth Hurdon died on January 29, 1941 aged 73 years 1 day.

Johnston, Margaret McCallum Dr.
1868-1947

Margaret McCallum was born in Kingston, Ontario on August 14, 1868 daughter of James McCallum and Mary Fullerton, Irish immigrants. She matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1900, was employed at the Women's Medical College, and united in marriage to Dr. Samuel Johnston on April 19, 1904. He was a graduate of the University of Toronto in 1901 and devoted his attention to the practice and teaching of anaesthesia. In 1914, Dr. Margaret Johnston was appointed chief of anaesthesia at the Women's College Hospital, a position she held until 1926. Dr. Margaret McCallum Johnston died on September 12, 1947 aged 79 years 28 days.

Jones, Annie Verth Dr.
1866-1933

Annie Verth was born at the farm in Osprey Township, Grey County, Ontario on November 30, 1867 daughter of John Verth and Agnes Sandilands. She received her early education at the York public school, the Caledonia high school and the Toronto normal school following which she taught a few years. Matriculating the O.M.C.W. in 1896, Dr. Verth married William Jones, a newspaper publisher who was employed in Rossland, BC, on July 18, 1896. Dr. Jones practiced in the Kootenay region of BC but moved from the declining mining community of Rossland to the more prosperous town of Nelson about 1905. Here she was the first woman elected to public office in Nelson when she took a seat on the school board in 1911. In failing health, Dr. Jones retired to Cayuga, Ontario about 1924. Dr. Annie Verth Jones died on January 2, 1933 aged 65 years 1 month 2 days.

Kilborn, Mary Alfretta Gifford Dr.
1864-1942

Mary Alfretta Gifford was born at Meaford, Ontario on May 11, 1864 daughter of Alfred Gifford and Mary Fligg. She received her primary education at the Riverside public school and Owen Sound Collegiate

and matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1891. After practicing for 2 years in Owen Sound, Dr. Gifford went to West China on behalf of the Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church arriving at Chengtu in February 1894; here she met and married Dr. OMarch Leslie Kilborn on May 24, 1894. Drs. Kilborn founded a 90-bed hospital and training school for nurses, founded the West China Union University where she taught and campaigned to allow women to be admitted as medical students and organized the anti foot binding association. Dr. Retta Kilborn was the first western woman to travel to Chengtu and though her service was often disrupted by hostilities and rebellion, she never lost her devotion to, and love for, the Chinese people. After her husband died in 1920, she continued her missionary work in China aided by her 3 children who were also medical practitioners; she returned to Canada in 1933 after 40 years as medical missionary. Dr. Retta Gifford Kilborn died at Toronto on December 1, 1942 aged 78 years 6 months 20 days.

**Langstaff, Lillian Carroll Dr.
1883-1978**

Lillian Carroll was born at Hendersonville, North Carolina on January 21, 1883 daughter of Henry Carroll and Ellen MacKay. She received her education at the Jarvis Collegiate, graduated in 1901 and was united in marriage to Dr. Rolph Langstaff on July 15, 1903. Dr. Langstaff was the son of Dr. James Langstaff whose family founded the community of Langstaff in 1808. He served as Richmond Hill's first officer of health, introduced milk pasteurization and water chlorination to the village. Dr. Lillian Langstaff matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1905 and served as the physician to the Municipal Prison farm at Langstaff. During WW1 she was president of the local Red Cross where she was involved with teaching. Dr. Langstaff pursued horticultural interests and helped organize the first local Girl Guides. The medical Langstaffs contributed so much to the Town of Richmond Hill that when the new addition to York Central was built, it was named the Langstaff Wing. Dr. Lillian Langstaff was a pioneer in the world of medicine for women and a lover of nature; in May 1980, the Dr. Lillian Langstaff Park was opened to provide patients and families with a place to reflect in a natural setting. Dr. Lillian Carroll Langstaff died on January 31, 1978 aged 95 years 10 days.

**Lapp, Annie Topliffe Dr.
1865-1933**

Annie Topliffe was born at the farm at Glenvale, Ontario near Kingston, on June 6, 1865 daughter of Thompson Topliffe and Mary Phillips. She started her professional career as a public school teacher and was united in marriage on September 25, 1894 to Ellwood Lapp who was enrolled in the study of medicine at the University of Toronto in the class of 1896. The Lapps established themselves at Williamson, N.Y. and Annie entered into the O.M.C.W. matriculating in 1901. Dr. Annie Lapp followed the practice of her profession at Williamson, served as a member of the board of education of the high school for 18 years

and taught Sunday School at the Methodist Episcopal Church. Dr. Annie Topcliffe Lapp died on March 25, 1933 aged 67 years 9 months 19 days.

Liddy, Edith Anne Beatty Dr.
1882-1961

Edith Anne Beatty was born at Fergus, Ontario on June 8, 1882 daughter of Matthew Beatty and Catherine Rutherford. She graduated the Fergus Collegiate in 1900, spent a year at the Toronto College of Music and matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1905. Dr. Beatty served as the medical superintendent of the Grace Hospital in Toronto; this was a 112-bed facility and was a training school for nurses. She was united in marriage to Dr. Roy Liddy on October 24, 1914; he was a PhD from the University of Toronto. The Liddys went to Sackville, New Brunswick where he was engaged at Mount Allison University and then to the University of Western Ontario where he served as head of the department of Philosophy and Psychology. Dr. Edith Anne Beatty Liddy died on June 5, 1961 aged 78 years 11 months 27 days.

Lynd, Ida Elizabeth Cross Dr.
1859-1943

Ida Elizabeth Cross was born at Bondhead, Ontario on April 17, 1859 daughter of Thomas Cross and Jane Martin. She received her early education at the Hamilton Ladies College and was united in marriage to William Lynd on March 8, 1882. A graduate in medicine from the O.M.C.W. in 1890, Dr. Lynd was the 2nd woman to practice medicine in Toronto. She practiced at the Women's College of Medicine for more than 50 years, served on the staff as professor and was appointed as the first chief of medicine in 1920. Her husband, a health inspector with the Toronto Health Department, died in 1907. Dr. Lynd fell and fractured her hip and spent the last 5 years confined to her bed. Dr. Ida Elizabeth Cross Lynd died on February 3, 1943 aged 83 years 9 months 16 days.

Macklin, Daisy Mary Moore Dr.
1873-1925

Daisy Mary Moore Macklin was born at Stratford, Ontario on May 8, 1873 daughter of William Macklin and Hester Godfrey. Daisy attended public school and the collegiate in Stratford and matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1895. Dr. Daisy Macklin spent 4 years as a medical missionary in Nankin, China where her brother, Dr. William Macklin (T. 1880), sponsored by the Disciples of Christ Church, founded the Nanjing Christian Hospital; she returned home to Stratford in 1900 due to illness. The Macklin Medical Mission, which included another brother, Dr. Alfred Macklin (T. 1896), and now operates under a different name, is the oldest medical Foundation in Canada. Dr. Daisy Macklin died in Toronto of post-operative shock and pneumonia. Dr. Daisy Mary Moore Macklin died on March 2, 1925 aged 51 years 9 months 24 days.

MacRae, Annie Campbell Dr.
1867-1945

Annie Campbell MacRae was born at Ponds, Prince Edward Island on July 30, 1867 daughter of Donald MacRae and Mary Campbell. She started her professional career as a teacher in her home town,

qualified as a graduate nurse from the John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore in 1892 and matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1899; she took post graduate work in Dublin, Edinburgh, London and Paris. Dr. MacRae established herself in practice at Fall River, Massachusetts where she remained for several decades. Her most famous patient was Lizzie Borden who in 1892 was tried and acquitted for the axe murders of her father and her stepmother in Fall River. When Lizzie died in 1927, it was Dr. MacRae who announced the news and, as they were friends, Dr. MacRae was a joint heir in the estate. Dr. Annie Campbell MacRae died in December 1945 aged 78 years 5 months.

**Matheson, Elizabeth Beckett
Scott Dr.
1866-1958**

Elizabeth Beckett Scott was born on January 6, 1866 in Burnbrae, Ontario daughter of James Scott and Elizabeth Beckett. She went west with her family to live at Morris, Manitoba and at the age of 17 was teaching school near Poplar Point; it was then she decided to take up the study of medicine. After taking 2 years of her course at Queen's University she left to go to India as a Missionary; intolerant of that climate, she returned to Canada in 1891, took a post as a teacher in Kildonan, Manitoba and was united in marriage on December 8, 1891 to Rev. John Matheson. His work as an Anglican missionary to the Indians took them to Onion Lake, NWT. In 1895 she resumed her medical studies, matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1898, and later took post graduate work at the Manitoba Medical College. Dr. Matheson coped with epidemics of smallpox and diphtheria among the Indians and the white settlers, there being no other Physician within 100 miles. Following her husband's death in 1916 she returned to Winnipeg where she spent another 25 years as Medical Inspector. Dr. Elizabeth Beckett Scott Matheson died on January 15, 1958 aged 92 years 9 days.

**McAlpine, Margaret May Dr.
1878-1955**

Margaret May McAlpine was born at Mount Forest, Ontario on November 28, 1878 daughter of Alexander McAlpine and Isabella Morrison. She was a graduate of Collingwood Collegiate, started her professional career as a teacher and matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1905; she was a brilliant student. Dr. McAlpine interned at the Women's Hospital in Philadelphia and returned to Toronto where she served as a member of the staff of the city department of health for 35 years. She was known for her many philanthropic projects one of which was the Central Neighbourhood Clinic where she served as medical adviser for many years. Dr. Margaret May McAlpine died on May 27, 1955 aged 76 years 5 months 29 days.

**McCarthy, Mary Bernadette
Callaghan Dr.
1881-1955**

Mary Bernadette Callaghan was born at Penetanguishene, Ontario on September 18, 1881 daughter of Thomas Callaghan and Margaret McHugh. She was educated at St. Joseph's Convent, graduated the Loretto Abbey Collegiate in 1901 and matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1905. During her courses she served as secretary and vice president of the Medico-Literary Society and was assistant editor of *Torontonensis*,

the University yearbook. Dr. Callaghan was the second woman to intern at St. Michael's Hospital and established herself in practice in Toronto. Dr. Callaghan was united in marriage to Daniel McCarthy on October 16, 1912 and removed to Sault Ste. Marie where Dr. McCarthy raised her family. Dr. Mary Callaghan McCarthy died in Toronto on February 8, 1955 aged 73 years 4 months 20 days.

**McDonald, Minnie Alice Dr.
1878-1954**

Minnie Alice McDonald was born at Hagersville, Ontario on January 23, 1878 daughter of Dr. Robert McDonald and Drusilla Elvin. Dr. Minnie McDonald was a graduate of the O.M.C.W. in 1901 and practiced with her father at 33 Main St. where she was born. Dr. Robert McDonald was a medical graduate in 1868, served as county coroner, officer of health for Hagersville and as president of the Haldimand Medical Association in 1910. Following her father's death in 1915, Dr. Minnie continued the practice of her profession and specialized in the treatment of children and women's diseases. She was forced into retirement in 1953 by ill health and "her passing was a great loss to the community where she was known for her charitable deeds". Dr. Minnie Alice McDonald died on September 26, 1954 aged 76 years 8 months 3 days.

**McDonell, Mary Jane Hutton
Dr.
1869-1946**

Mary Jane Hutton was born at Forest, Ontario on October 30, 1869 daughter of Dr. James Hutton and Jemima Smith. Dr. Hutton was a native of Scotland and a graduate of Victoria College in 1863; a widower, he married Jemima on February 1, 1867. In 1868 she was accused of having poisoned her step daughter aged 4 and the stomach of the deceased was sent for analysis. Mary Jane Hutton was a graduate of the O.M.C.W. in 1890 at the age of 20 and became associated with her father in the practice of medicine with "special attention given to diseases of women and children". She was the first individual from Forest to receive a medical degree and the first woman in Lambton County to practice medicine. Dr. Hutton was united in marriage to Charles McDonell, a hardware merchant in Hensall, on January 1, 1896; they settled in Hensall, Huron County, where she raised her family. Dr. Mary Jane Hutton McDonell died on January 12, 1946 aged 76 years 2 months 12 days.

**McFee, Anna Maria Dr.
1855-1947**

Anna Maria McFee was born at St. Chrysostome, Quebec on April 3, 1855 daughter of Coll McFee and Catherine McNaughton. She was educated in Montreal and matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1897; Dr. McFee went to Edinburgh and took her Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons. She was then appointed to the staff of the Infants Hospital on Randall's Island in New York and was the first woman physician to receive an appointment in any New York City Hospital; the appointment was the result of a competitive examination with men. Later Dr. McFee practiced medicine in New York for almost

20 years and retired to Montreal. Dr. Anna Maria McFee died on December 20, 1947 aged 92 years 8 months 17 days.

**McMaster, Elizabeth Dr.
1871-1956**

Elizabeth McMaster was born at the farm at St. Marys, Ontario on August 19, 1871 daughter of Fergus McMaster and Mary Smith. Dr. McMaster matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1902 and interned at the West Philadelphia Hospital for Women following which she was appointed to medical missionary work under the Canadian Presbyterian Church. For 40 years Dr. McMaster served in Central India, taught successive classes of Indian nurses, pharmacists and midwives and championed the welfare of the women of India. On three separate occasions, the Government of India conferred honours upon her in acknowledgement of her services to the country, including the Kaiser-i-Hind Medal and the King George V Jubilee Medal. In 1943 Dr. McMaster retired to St. Marys; in 1956 she suffered a fractured hip and died in Stratford. Dr. Elizabeth McMaster died on January 10, 1956 aged 84 years 4 months 21 days.

**Mitchell, Isabella Clow Little
Dr.
1867-1909**

Isabella Clow Little was born at the farm at Innisfil, Ontario on May 24, 1867 daughter of Robert Little and Susan Cross; her middle name was the surname of her paternal grandmother. She started her professional career as a school teacher and matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1901. Dr. Little served as a medical missionary of the Women's Missionary Society in South China, arrived in 1904 and attended the Bible Teacher's Training School there. She was a medical missionary pioneer, did Hospital work and was united in marriage to Dr. Isaiah Mitchell in January 1906 and subsequently retired from Mission work. She succumbed to typhoid in Poklo, China. Dr. Isabella Clow Little Mitchell died on May 13, 1909 aged 41 years 11 months 19 days.

**Mitchell, Mary Jane Hill Dr.
1869-1956**

Mary Jane 'Jennie' Hill was born at Bond Head, Ontario on January 21, 1869 daughter of William Hill and Emeline Van Every. Graduating the O.M.C.W. in 1895, Dr. Hill went to China under the auspices of the American Presbyterian Church where she met missionary Rev. Robert Mitchell. They were married on May 11, 1900 in Tientsin and were compelled to flee when trouble broke out in Honan, leaving behind the doctor's wedding gown and most of her wedding presents. Dr. Jennie and Rev. Mitchell worked as a team in Northern China for over 40 years where he was principal of the Mary Maxwell high and normal school of Weihwei, Honan, China. They retired to Toronto in 1937 where they remained and died within days of each other. Dr. Jennie Hill Mitchell died on October 22, 1956 aged 87 years 9 months 1 day.

**Morden, Lucetta Martha Dr.
1872-1956**

Lucetta Martha Morden was born at West Hambro, Wentworth County, Ontario on November 2, 1872 daughter of Edgerton Morden and Margaret Morden. Dr. Morden matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1904 and established herself at Brooklyn, New York. She lived at 72 Norman

Avenue with her sister, Dr. Millicent Morden, a graduate in medicine from the University of Toronto in 1909. Dr. Lucetta Morden worked in association with Dr. Alice Bennett and they worked among the poor mothers of the east side of Brooklyn. The Drs. Morden were known for their charitable work in various borough hospitals and with agencies interested in animal welfare. Dr. Lucetta Morden was a familiar figure in Greenpoint for more than 50 years, retained her Canadian citizenship and left her entire estate to the government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Dr. Lucetta Martha Morden died on June 2, 1956 aged 83 years 7 months.

**Mortimore, Mabel Aileen
Cassidy Dr.
1880-1966**

Mabel Aileen Cassidy was born at Toronto on September 28, 1880 daughter of William Cassidy and Elizabeth Hixton. The daughter of missionaries, she spent most of her childhood in China where she received preliminary education in Chefoo and matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1902. Dr. Cassidy took post graduate work and in 1904 was sent back to China by the Women's Missionary Society where in Chengtu, West China, she was united in marriage to Rev. William Mortimore in 1905. They continued to serve in China until 1924 when they returned to Canada, were stationed at Auburn and Oakland, Ontario where Rev. Mortimore served as Pastor and retired to Toronto in 1939. Dr. Mortimore was a talented organist and composer, a gifted missionary and medical woman and a successful homemaker. Dr. Mabel Aileen Cassidy Mortimore died on December 4, 1966 aged 86 years 2 months 6 days.

**Oliver, Belle Chone Dr.
1875-1947**

Belle Chone Oliver was born at Ingersoll, Ontario on January 25, 1875 daughter of Adam Oliver and Helen Rintoul. Dr. Oliver matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1900 and served as house surgeon at the Philadelphia Women's Hospital. For 25 years, she served as a medical missionary in hospitals under the Women's Medical Service in the Central India Mission of the Presbyterian Church in Canada and later the United Church. In 1929 she was appointed a secretary of the National Christian Council of India with special responsibilities in the medical field. During her 15 years in office of the Christian Medical Association of India, Burma and Ceylon, she rendered outstanding service to India and the British Empire in consolidating Christian medical work. Dr. Oliver was credited with the development of the Women's Medical College at Vellore, South India into the Vellore Christian Medical College for men and women and for raising the standard of training and equipment for doctors and nurses. Dr. Oliver served in India for 45 years and retired to Fort William, Ontario. Dr. Belle Chone Oliver died on May 21, 1947 aged 72 years 3 months 26 days.

**Orr, Dorothea Agnes Jane
Johnston Dr.
1866-1946**

Dorothea Agnes Jane Johnston was born in Whitby, Ontario in June 1866 daughter of James Johnston and Agnes Kelly, Scottish immigrants. She was a public school teacher in Whitby, met and

married Robert Orr a high school teacher on July 21, 1891; Mr. Orr died on September 15, 1894. Three months later her sister married Dr. John Hershey, a medical graduate of the University of Toronto in 1892. Suddenly single, Dorothea entered into the study of medicine and matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1899. Dr. Orr interned at a children's hospital in New York and became head staff doctor there, eventually returning to establish a practice in Toronto. Dr. Orr was on the staff of the Women's College Hospital and followed the practice of her profession for about 35 years. Dr. Dorothea Johnston Orr died on March 22, 1946 aged 79 years 9 months.

Parks, Margaret Dr.
1876-1955

Margaret Parks was born at St. John, New Brunswick in March 1876 of U.E.L. stock, daughter of John Parks and Margaret Ketchum. Dr. Parks matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1901 and established herself in practice at St John. She enlisted in the Royal Army Medical Corps as a Nursing Sister in WW1 and served at the Base in France and in the No. 1 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station as an anaesthetist. After the War, Dr. Parks held appointments in the immigration service of the Canadian Government at St. John, Quebec, England, and on the Continent. Later, Dr. Parks was employed in public health work in Manitoba. She retired to St. John. Dr. Margaret Parks died on April 1, 1955 aged 79 years 1 month.

**Patrick, Christina Gardiner
Head Dr.**
1862-1933

Christina Gardiner Head was born at the farm at Eramosa, Wellington County, Ontario on September 5, 1862 daughter of Charles Head and Christina Gilmour and cousin of Drs. Elizabeth and Jennie Gray. Tina was a graduate of the Toronto Normal School in 1881 with A grade examination results and started her professional career as a school teacher. She matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1896 and soon established herself at Yorkton, Saskatchewan where she was united in marriage to druggist Richard Patrick. In 1907 Dr. Patrick auctioned her belongings, left her husband, and attended 9 months of study at the NY Post Graduate Medical School and Lying-in Hospital. She then hung her shingle at Vermilion, Alberta where she was appointed medical officer of health and followed the practice of her profession for about 15 years. In 1925 Dr. Patrick returned to Toronto, served as resident physician at the Women's College Hospital for 16 months and retired to Vancouver, BC. Dr. Christina Head Patrick died on May 17, 1933 aged 70 years 8 months 12 days.

Patterson, Lucinda McNeil Dr.
1877-1935

Lucinda McNeil Patterson was born at Balinode, Monaghan County, Ireland on April 23, 1877 daughter of Andrew Patterson and Lucinda McNeil. She immigrated to Canada about 1891 and matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1903. Dr. Lucy Patterson accepted a position with the Church Missionary Society at Bahrain, Arabia where she arrived in 1904 and found the medical service to be quite disorganized. The Hospital worked full time and at full speed and was filled with patients.

During one 2 week period Dr. Patterson performed 20 eye operations, one amputation, removed a large tumour and extracted numerous teeth. In 1905 she severed her connection with the Mission and served as medical missionary in Shanghai, China until about 1911 when she returned to British Columbia. Dr. Patterson suffered from pulmonary tuberculosis and dementia praecox, was admitted to the Essondale Hospital in Coquitlam, BC, a mental health facility, where she died of pneumonia. Dr. Lucinda McNeil Patterson died on May 24, 1935 aged 58 years 1 month 1 day.

**Pickering, Anne Louise Inshaw
Dr.
1857-1948**

Anne Louise Inshaw was born at Birmingham, England on April 17, 1857 daughter of John and Annie Inshaw; the father of our subject was a successful engineer and was the first to build a horseless carriage in the form of a steam driven motor car. In 1877, she was united in marriage to Latimer Pickering who, in 1880, was a Licentiate of the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh. The couple immigrated to Canada in 1883 and Annie Pickering entered into the study of medicine at the O.M.C.W. and was in the first class of women graduates receiving her Licentiate on April 12, 1887. Over the next 5 years the two were engaged in the practice of their profession in Toronto but, about this time, Latimer was injured when struck by a street car; he went to Europe for treatment and Annie left him for another man and she never practiced medicine again. Eventually she settled in Brooklyn, N.Y. where she had family and married Mark McKinney who was engaged there as a florist; when he died unexpectedly in May 1903, she assumed management of this enterprise. It was at this time that Annie became involved with Dr. Charles Rinear Scattergood, a graduate pharmacist (1888) and veterinary surgeon (1896). He was a married man who left his wife for Annie, was ordered by the Court to pay \$10 a week for support to his wife, and upon claiming he couldn't guarantee that amount, was sentenced to spend 6 months in the penitentiary. Dr. Annie McKinney and Dr. Charles Scattergood were married on November 8, 1906 and over the next 3 decades were involved in a variety of entrepreneurial endeavours; this included the Wyckoff Picture Theatre showing high class moving pictures in Brooklyn, the Driggs Leonard Park, a popular family resort and amusement palace, and the Fango Gaming Club in Atlantic City. Dr. Annie Louise Scattershaw died in Wildwood, New Jersey about January 18, 1948 aged 90 years 9 months 1 day.

**Pringle, Rose Gale Dr.
1866-1947**

Rose Gale was born in London, England on June 28, 1866 daughter of John Gale and Louisa Bowden; Mr. Gale was a railway clerk who died in 1872 leaving Rose an orphan and she was then adopted by her aunt, Isabella Pringle. Raised in Fergus, Ontario she matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1895 and was employed as head of the Women's department of the Bloomingdale Hospital at White Plains, NY

Constructed in 1894, and a Division of the NY Hospital, it was a 350 bed charitable institution, not public funded, and cared for insane patients, some voluntarily admitted, others committed. Later, Dr. Pringle established herself at Manhattan. Dr. Rose Gale Pringle died at Detroit, MI on May 9, 1947 aged 80 years 10 months 11 days.

**Reid, Hannah Emily Dr.
1870-1955**

Hannah Emily Reid was born at the farm near Orangeville, Ontario on January 19, 1870 daughter of John Reid and Margaret Henderson. She received her early education at the Camilla public school, graduated the Orangeville Collegiate in 1891 and then the Toronto Normal school following which she taught in Toronto. Dr. Reid matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1905 and interned at the New England Hospital for Women and Children in Boston. She established herself in general practice in Toronto, specialized in anaesthesia and obstetrics, was on the first board of the Women's College Hospital and was appointed the chief of anaesthesia in 1926. Dr. Reid followed the practice of her profession in Toronto for 50 years. Dr. Hannah Emily Reid died on May 27, 1955 aged 85 years 4 months 8 days.

**Reid, Minerva Ellen Dr.
1871-1957**

Minnie Reid was the younger sister of Hannah and was born on October 20, 1871. After receiving her teacher's certificate, she lived with her brother, Dr. John Reid (T 1887) at Tillsonburg where she taught high school. Dr. Minnie Reid matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1905, took post graduate work in surgery in London and Dublin and established her medical practice in Toronto. She also served on the first board of directors at the Women's College Hospital and was the first female chief of surgery in North America. Dr. Reid was active in the Suffragette cause, was a prohibitionist, served on the Toronto board of education, was active in politics, and agitated the federal government to replace the old Christie Street Hospital, the treatment facility for wounded soldiers. She retired from the Women's College Hospital in 1938 but continued her private practice until 1955. Dr. Minerva Ellen Reid died on May 28, 1957 aged 85 years 7 months 8 days.

**Ross, Annie Dr.
1872-1966**

Annie Ross was born at the farm at Blyth, Ontario in July 1872 daughter of Thomas Ross and Elizabeth Rogers. She graduated from the Toronto Model School and taught public school for several years in Huron County before entering medicine. Dr. Ross matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1902 and took post graduate work at Columbia University in New York. She then joined the staff of the Ontario Agricultural College in Guelph where she lectured to women students of the Macdonald Institute until her retirement in 1936. Dr. Ross made her home in Goderich where she was active in the affairs of the Women's Institute, visiting many places in Ontario to speak at meetings and conventions. She was an honorary member of the St. John Ambulance and taught

first aid and home nursing to various organizations. Dr. Annie Ross died on September 4, 1966 aged 94 years 2 months.

Rutnam, Mary Helen Irwin Dr.
1873-1962

Mary Helen Irwin was born at Elora, Ontario on June 2, 1873 daughter of John Irwin and Elizabeth Barr. She was a graduate of the O.M.C.W. in 1896, took post graduate work in New York where she met and married Samuel Rutnam, a Christian Tamil, born in Ceylon. In Ceylon, Dr. Rutnam was rejected by the Missionary Services because of her marriage and was denied a government position because she had a Canadian degree, not a British degree. Undeterred, Dr. Rutnam opened a private practice and spent 50 years advocating social reform, family planning and health reform, health education, and political rights for women. She assisted her husband in his educational and mission work, was elected as a member of the local Council, authored health textbooks, and founded the Women's Institute of Ceylon which helped raise the standard of living in Ceylon. In 1958 Dr. Rutnam received the Raymond Magsaysay Award for her dedicated public service. Dr. Mary Irwin Rutnam died in May 1962 aged 88 years 11 months.

**Schilstra, Anna Sarah
McConnell Dr.**
1871-1942

Anna Sarah McConnell was born at Clinton, Ontario on January 20, 1871 daughter of William McConnell and Hughena McBain. Dr. McConnell matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1899, and immigrated to Minneapolis, Minnesota where she interned at the North Western Hospital; she was united in marriage to Dr. Alexander Schilstra in 1902. He was born to Dutch parents in the East Indies, received his secondary education in the Netherlands and graduated in medicine in Toronto in 1900. Dr. Schilstra spent some time in N.Y. State before removing to Manitoba in 1904 and to Steinbach in 1908. In WW1, Dr. Schilstra served with the R.A.M.C. as Medical Officer of the 16th Battalion Field Ambulance in Mesopotamia. Dr. Anna Schilstra was Steinbach's first female doctor and specialized in women's health, pregnancy and childbirth; they were not Mennonites but served the Mennonite community around Steinbach for many years. Dr. Anna assisted her husband, served at the local Bethesda Hospital and gave anaesthetics for her husband's surgeries; she was a prominent member of the community known for her caring and nurturing spirit. Dr. Anna Sarah McConnell Schilstra died on March 14, 1942 aged 71 years 1 month 24 days.

**Sherratt, Ellen Ann Atkins Burt
Dr.**
1862-1943

Ellen Ann Atkins Burt was born at Huntingdon, Quebec on April 9, 1862 daughter of Rev. Frederick Burt and Elizabeth Whittle. She matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1893 and was united in marriage to William Sherratt in Port Carling on August 9, 1897 in a ceremony performed by her father and assisted by her brother. Dr. Ellen Sherratt was active in the Social Service Council of Canada and in 1919 represented Canada at the 6-week International Conference of

Women Doctors at New York. Held at the N.Y. headquarters of the War Work Council of the Y.W.C.A., delegates included many distinguished physicians lauded for their achievements during the War in helping to solve problems of health and morale affecting the armies of the Allies, both at home and in the field. Dr. Ellen Burt Sherratt died at Toronto on August 22, 1943 aged 81 years 4 months 13 days.

Sirrs, Letitia Kean Meade Dr.
1858-1943

Letitia Kean Meade was born at Haltonville, Ontario on June 29, 1858 daughter of Robert Meade and Mary Kean. She started her professional career as a teacher in her native place for 7 years, matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1891 and was a demonstrator in anatomy at the Women's Medical College. Dr. Meade returned to practice in her home town and was united in marriage to George Sirrs on October 11, 1893. She was a medical inspection officer for the schools in addition to her medical practice which she operated from the home where she was born. The name plate from her office entrance is now in the possession of the Museum of Health Care at Kingston. Dr. Meade Sirrs organized the Ceylon Branch of the Women's Institute who were active in War work, raised money, sent supplies overseas, and gave rings to returning Veterans. Dr. Meade Sirrs lived the retired life after 1919, removing to Walkerton, Ontario. Dr. Letitia Kean Meade Sirrs died at Windsor on May 25, 1943 aged 84 years 10 months 26 days.

Smith, Martha Dr.
1865-1914

Martha Smith was born at the farm at Erin, Ontario daughter of Matt Smith and Rachel McKee. She was educated in the local schools and in 1889 traveled to Rhode Island; she entered the Rhode Island Hospital Training School for Nurses, graduated in 1891 and matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1901. Dr. Smith entered into medical missionary work sponsored by the Christian Woman's Board of Missions and went to India. Her work in Mahoba as a missionary was commended very highly and she remained in the mission field for the duration except when on furlough when she traveled and spoke in the interest of foreign missions. Dr. Martha Smith died on November 29, 1914 aged 49 years 12 days.

Stone, Emma Constance Dr.
1856-1902

Emma Constance Stone was born at Hobart, Tasmania on December 4, 1856 daughter of William Stone and Betsey Hagdon. Having begun the study of anatomy and physiology before the University of Melbourne admitted women, she proceeded to America in 1884, and after 3 years study, graduated from the Women's Medical College of Philadelphia, (the oldest women's college in the States), went to Toronto and in 1888 graduated from the O.M.C.W. Dr. Stone then became a Licentiate in London, England, worked at the Royal Free Hospital and after 18 months commenced practice in 1890 in Melbourne as the first woman physician registered in Australasia. She was united in marriage to Rev. Dr. David Egryn Jones and she helped establish the Queen Victoria

Hospital in Melbourne. Dr. Emma Constance Stone Jones died on December 29, 1902 aged 46 years 25 days.

**Symington, Margaret Purdie
Dr.
1855-1909**

Margaret Purdie Symington was born at the farm at Brighton, Ontario on April 27, 1855 daughter of Thomas Symington and Jane Duncan, immigrants from Scotland. She graduated the Galt Collegiate in 1881 and began her professional career as a high school teacher in her home town of Brighton and taught for several years before matriculating the O.M.C.W. in 1895. Dr. Symington took post graduate work in Edinburgh, attained her Licentiate of the Royal College there and on June 1, 1896 established herself in the practice of medicine at Napanee where she specialized in diseases of women and children. Dr. Margaret Purdie Symington died in Napanee on September 1, 1909 aged 54 years 4 months 4 days.

**Taylor, Stella Mary Dr.
1858-1937**

Stella Mary Taylor was born at St. Mary's, Melbourne, Australia, on July 19, 1857 daughter of William Taylor and Sarah Evans. She matriculated from the Melbourne University, was proficient in music and painting, fluent in French, with knowledge of Latin and Italian. Unable to study medicine in Australia, Stella took her medical degree after an extended course at the Women's Medical College in Pennsylvania, graduating with honours; subsequently she proceeded to the O.M.C.W. in Toronto where she again graduated with honours, in 1889. Dr. Taylor gained further study and hospital experience in London, Glasgow, and Edinburgh, attaining the Licentiate Triple. She then served as resident physician in the Blackly Hospital in Philadelphia for 15 months, entered into private practice in Le Roy, N.Y. for 3 years, following which she served as superintendent of the New England Hospital for Women and Children in Boston, MA. Dr. Stella Mary Taylor died in the McLean Hospital, Belmont, MA on October 13, 1937 aged 80 years 2 months 24 days.

**Thomas, Julia Dr.
1844-1931**

Julia Thomas was born at Bremhill, England on November 21, 1844 daughter of Edwin Thomas and Lucy Rogers; she immigrated with her family to Ontario in the early 1850s. Julia started her professional life as a school teacher in Brooklin, Maple Grove and later at Bowmanville, Ontario and after several years teaching entered into the study of medicine; she matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1891. Dr. Thomas established herself in practice in Toronto where she also was a member of the board of the Young Women's Christian Guild, served as physician to the Girl's Home in Toronto and was involved with the Nursing-at-Home Mission there. She traveled overseas in 1914, was caught there by the outbreak of War, and wrote home: "I suspect we shall have a perilous voyage but we are hoping that our British cruisers and gun boats will have driven the enemy's war craft beyond our ocean pathway". Dr. Julia Thomas died at Toronto on June 28, 1931 aged 86 years 7 months 7 days.

**Wallace, Margaret Stirling Dr.
1869-1963**

Margaret Stirling Wallace was born in Essex, Ontario on October 15, 1869 daughter of blacksmith Robert Wallace and Agnes McLaren. She started her professional career as a teacher and matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1898. Dr. Wallace served as a medical missionary with the Canadian Presbyterian Mission and arrived in Honan, China in 1898. Her party set out by houseboat for Peitaiho when the insurgents forced their retreat; all women and children attached to the Mission were advised to return to Canada except for Dr. Wallace who was assigned to the British Weihaiwei Hospital to assist in the care of the wounded British soldiers who were brought there from the front for treatment. Following the Boxer Rebellion, Dr. Wallace was transferred to India in 1901 with this account: "Dr. Margaret Wallace, who reached the field in 1898, gave promise of a very fruitful service, but a kink occurred somewhere and India's women have been blessed with the blessing intended for Honan." She continued with the Mission in Calcutta, Indore, Ludihana, and Dhar. In 1938 Dr. Wallace retired to Vancouver. Dr. Margaret Stirling Wallace died on February 14, 1963 aged 93 years 3 months 29 days.

**Ward, Marjorie Elizabeth Dr.
1871-1939**

Marjorie Elizabeth Ward was born at Renfrew, Ontario on April 16, 1871 daughter of James Ward and Catherine Stewart; Mr. Ward was a tinsmith. Marjorie attended public and high schools at Renfrew and graduated in medicine from the O.M.C.W. in 1894. Dr. Ward was, for several years, superintendent of a Children's Home in Montreal but ceased that endeavour to devote herself fulltime to the care of her stricken mother. Later she served on the National Council Committee on Employment for Women. Dr. Marjorie Elizabeth Ward died on January 25, 1939 aged 67 years 9 months 9 days.

**Wease, Olive Maude Rae Dr.
1878-1948**

Olive Maude Rae was born at Lindsay, Ontario on December 11, 1878 daughter of Isaac Rae and Mary Switzer. Dr. Rae matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1903 and served as a medical missionary to China with the Women's Missionary Society. She attended the Methodist National Training School and graduated the class of 1909, immersed herself in language study in Chengtu and Junghsien, China for 2 years and served at the Chengtu Hospital until 1913. One source lists her reason for leaving the Mission was to be married; another that she had rejected conventional religion for faith healing and could no longer practice conventional medicine. Dr. Rae returned to Toronto and later was in practice in Bancroft, Ontario. She was united in marriage in Trenton on July 21, 1924 to Edward Howard Wease, a farmer who was born the year after she graduated in medicine. The Weases removed to British Columbia where she died of metastatic breast cancer in Queen Victoria Hospital, Revelstoke. Dr. Olive Maude Rae Wease died on July 26, 1948 aged 69 years 7 months 15 days.

**Wildman, Jane Gray Dr.
1862-1953**

Jane 'Jennie' Gray was born at Dundas, Ontario on December 15, 1862 daughter of John Gray and Jane Head. She matriculated the O.M.C.W. along with her sister in 1892 and was a member of the consultant staff there. Dr. Gray was united in marriage to James Wildman on May 14, 1908. In 1898, Dr. Gray, with 2 others, founded a dispensary for poor women at the Toronto City Mission on Sackville Street which quickly moved to the Medical College for Women and in 1911 evolved into the Women's College Hospital; this was the only hospital in Canada staffed entirely by women. Dr. Wildman attended the Woman's Medical Society of N.Y. in Manhattan and read a paper about prenatal care; later she served as the chief of the gynaecology department at the Women's College Hospital. Dr. Wildman removed to Barrie, Ontario in 1928 and there served as president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Dr. Jennie Gray Wildman died on December 11, 1953 aged 90 years 11 months 26 days.

**Wood, Isabella Smith Dr.
1873-1954**

Isabella Smith Wood was born at Granby, Quebec on February 20, 1873 daughter of Patrick Wood and Jean Strachan. She was educated in the public schools of her native village and in the Toronto Model and Normal schools. She taught public school for a few years and matriculated the O.M.C.W. in 1902. Dr. Wood took post graduate work in Boston and St. John, commenced her practice in St John and removed to Toronto in 1904 where she was connected with St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto Western Hospital and Women's College Hospital. Dr. Wood was widely known for her work among mothers and children and served for many years as judge at the C.N.E. baby show. In 1916 Dr. Wood sailed, with other Toronto physicians, for England where they hoped for an opportunity to serve in the Military Hospitals. Dr. Wood practiced medicine in Toronto for 50 years. Dr. Isabella Smith Wood died on November 29, 1954 aged 81 years 9 months 9 days.