

## ALEXANDER DOUGALL BLACKADER.

Alexander Dougall Blackader, B.A., M.D., M.R.C.S., L.L.D., F.R.C.P., Canada, was born in Montreal in 1846 and died in the same city on March 14, 1932, full of years and honors.

He became a member of this Association in 1897 and was its President in 1912.

He had also been president of the Montreal Medico Chirurgical Society, the Canadian Medical Association and the American Pediatric Society and vice president of the British Medical Association.

For years he was professor of Therapeutics and head of the department of Pediatrics in McGill University, and attending physician to the Montreal General Hospital.

At 72 years of age, when most men's work is done, he became editor of the Canadian Medical Association Journal, and placed that Journal in the front rank of medical periodicals. He remained in active control of the Journal until his 83d year, and since that time frequently contributed to its pages.

His last article was written only ten days before his death.

From young manhood he had never been robust and fought against numerous illnesses with amazing courage, accomplishing while ill an amount of work that would have staggered most healthy men.

He was the first man in Canada to practice Pediatrics and was foremost in all efforts for the good of children.

As a teacher, he will be remembered and respected by generations of students.

As a physician, his name was a household word.

As a writer, he has left a sound and progressive journal for a monument.

While he had many interests, his work was his greatest interest.

Accurate and painstaking, he would no more split an infinitive or misuse a semicolon than he would take a careless history or make a perfunctory examination.

He added to his great abilities an old world courtesy and a fine sense of professional honor, and those who knew him best saw in him a physician who was a physician indeed, and they mourn his loss.

Of the many societies of which he was a member, the Climatological had a special corner in his affection, and this affection was sincerely returned by his fellow members.