Dr. Hugh A. McCallum, MB, MD, MRCS

CMA President, 1912
Western Medical School, 1883
General practice, general surgery

Dr. McCallum, whose CMAJ obituary described him as a man of “rare character and usefulness,” had a distinguished career in academic medicine, serving as a professor of physiology at Johns Hopkins University and as Dean of Medicine at Western Medical College in London, Ont. His main goal as Dean was to “secure whole-time professors in the preliminary subjects, and he was successful in attaining his objective.” He worked to expand London’s medical facilities during his career, but also found time to pursue an interest in poetry. CMAJ wrote: “He was a thinker of rare power of penetration and a great admirer and friend of Walt Whitman, whose poetry exercised a strong influence on McCallum’s life.” Dr. McCallum died in 1921.