Dr. Alexander McPhedran, MD

CMA President, 1905
University of Toronto, 1876
Internal medicine

Although Dr. McPhedran was widely respected for his clinical acumen, he was best known in Canadian medicine as a superb teacher. As a colleague wrote after he died, “He was the great clinical teacher among a group of extraordinary teachers in the medical schools of Canada. [They encouraged] a healthy imagination . . . and taught practical medicine, training the students at the bedside to observe and to analyze the course of disease as observed and as told by the patient.” Dr. McPhedran, a lecturer in clinical medicine at the University of Toronto, was honoured with emeritus professor status upon his retirement. He was also chief of medical services at the Toronto General Hospital and contributed a section on Diseases of the Bronchi and Pericardium to Osler’s *Modern Medicine*. He died in 1934.