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MINUTE ON THE DEATH OF DR. WILLIAM GOODELL.*

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The son of a missionary clergyman, reared under moral and religious influences, educated within the walls of Williams College, William Goodell imbibed as a boy, and possessed as a man, the courage of conviction and the fearlessness of action in the right, which rendered his life as a private man and his career as a physician above the innuendoes of suspicion, and impregnable to the aspersions and the accusations of opposition and envy.

A graduate of Jefferson Medical College, his name belongs in the list of the deservedly eminent men to be found among the alumni of this institution; and he well merited the graceful compliment of the degree of LL. D. conferred upon him by this his *alma mater*.

For years the Professor of Gynæcology in the University of Pennsylvania, he brought to this institution, the pride of American medical colleges, no little additional renown because of his erudition as a scholar, his abilities as an operator, and the forcefulness and the thoroughness of his methods as a teacher. In the medical profession at large, as a gynæcologist and as a learned man, he attained an eminence comparable to that of Atlee or Sims, and not surpassed by that of any of his able colabors who have survived him in the field of active professional work.

An influential founder of the Philadelphia Obstetrical Society, twice its honored president, and a member who for years contributed very largely to the value of its proceedings, we the members of this Society deeply regret that Dr. Goodell has passed from among us; but we wreath his memory with thoughts of the ripe scholar, the successful surgeon, the graceful writer, the facile speaker, the strong and courteous debater, stronger because courteous, the faithful friend and the honorable man.

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