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### Biographies of Members of First Faculty.

#### DR. A. P. REID. The first Dean of the Medical Faculty.

Dr. Reid was born in London, Ontario, in 1834. He received his Medical Degree from McGill University in 1858. Later he pursued post graduate studies in Edinburgh, London, Paris and at the Rotunda in Dublin. His first practice was in Huron County, Ontario. After a short period of practice he fell a victim to the gold fever, and went west to British Columbia, travelled down the Rockies to Oregon, where he served for a time as Surgeon in a volunteer force against the Indians. He then followed the mountains to Mexico and later on his way home reached New York. Coming to Nova Scotia he settled first in Guysboro and later in Halifax. He took an active part in the formation of the Medical School, and as already stated placed the proposal in concrete form before the Board of Governors of Dalhousie University. He became the first Dean, gave the first inaugural address, and was appointed the first Professor of Medicine. After 1878 he was in turn Superintendent of the Nova Scotia Hospital, Victoria General Hospital, Secretary of the Provincial Health Board and later Provincial Health Officer. He is properly regarded as the father of the Medical School, and as such we honor his memory. Many stories are told of his ingenuity and eccentricities. He was interested in the medical discoveries of his time and brought a microscope from Paris, probably one of the first in Nova Scotia. Dr. Hattie tells me he first met Dr. Reid when he went to the Mount Hope Asylum as an assistant. He was introduced to Dr. Reid by Dr. Sinclair, and found him poring over a sort of telescope counting—201, 202, 203 etc. Without taking his eye from the instrument, he held out his hand and welcomed the newcomer. On inquiring as to what Dr. Reid was doing, it was learned that he was counting the shingles on the roof of a building in Halifax with a telescope of his own construction made from lenses and cylinders of paper. Throughout his life he experimented with many things and his office was filled with physical apparatus of his own construction. On learning that Dr. Hattie had some knowledge of the new science of bacteriology, an oil immersion microscope was purchased, probably the first in Halifax, and Dr. Hattie was able to show Dr. Reid the first germs he ever saw. He was fond of chemical experiments and followed this up in later years. For many years he lived in Middleton and was married the second time when over 80 years of age and died in 1920 at the ripe age of 86. He was a great reader and had a wonderful memory.

#### EDWARD FARRELL, M.D. Born 1842, Died 1901.

Dr. Farrell was born in Halifax, educated at St. Mary's College, graduated M. D., College Physicians and Surgeons, New York, 1864. Began practice in his native city, and had a reputation as a skilful surgeon during the whole of his busy life. Active in forming the