


*DR. A. F. SAWYER.*

HE high standard of ethics, heroism and self-sacrifice displayed by the pioneer physicians of California is forcibly illustrated in the professional career of Dr. A. F. Sawyer, physician and surgeon. He is a native of Boston, Mass., and graduated from Harvard with high honors in the class of 1849. Nature endowed him with a keen intellect, and his close application in studying the causes and the cure for the diseases of the human family, with a natural adaptability in his profession, soon placed him in the front rank. He enjoyed a lucrative practice and accumulated a fortune. In 1874 he became one of the faculty founders of the Academy of Medicine.

The heroism displayed by the pioneer physicians of California in attending the human wrecks incident to a new and untried mining life, where large numbers of the adventurous and hardy sons of our country were prostrated by toil, exposure and disease, forms a bright page in the history of our State.

The professional labors of Dr. Sawyer have made his name a household word in San Francisco, and there are thousands of men and women to-day who cherish in their hearts the highest regard for his professional devotion and skill as a physician, in remembrance of his self-sacrifice and pre-eminent success. As a writer on medical practice and surgery he has gained a high reputation, and his articles show deep research and careful preparation.

When the great scroll is enrolled the name of Dr. Sawyer will appear in the brightest characters, for his unselfish, gratuitous and unremitting devotion to the men and women who suffered from sickness and disease, and who were treated during all the years whilst in active practice in this city.

He has traveled extensively in the United States and foreign countries, but like thousands of our citizens who gained fame in their profession, or amassed a large fortune in our State, they are not satisfied until they return to the land of their struggles and triumphs.

Dr. Sawyer is here again with his family and is now rounding a period of forty years in the practice of medicine by resuming his professional work again where his first laurels were won. He is a member of the leading clubs and is prominently associated with our best citizens socially.

His scientific attainments, technical education and professional skill have given him a national reputation as a physician, and his personal magnetism, gentlemanly deportment and philanthropic nature gives him a high rank in society.

He is a man of fine address, courtly manner and attractive appearance. His step is firm and quick, his eyes bright, clear and penetrating. He has a positive, frank and open expression, and his whole manner bespeaks a genial and noble nature.

We give a universality of sentiment that it is a fortunate event for this community that Dr. Sawyer has elected to give his professional services to his old neighbors, and in the field of his early manhood.