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DR. EDWARD MUNSON 1858-1926

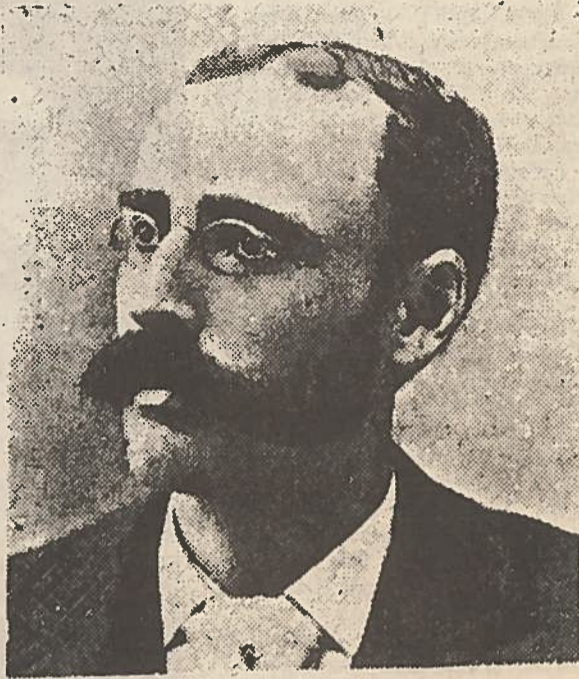
*"It is eterinty now.  
I am in the midst of it."*

In the fall of 1903 Dr. Edward Munson of Medina was running for a fourth consecutive term as coroner. A local paper stated "He is well-known to many of you in this county; a physician who stands high in his profession; a citizen highly regarded in the community in which he lives and a Republican who has always been faithful to the principals of his party. Not one word can be said against him; much can be said in his favor."

Dr. Munson was born in Penn Yan, N.Y. March 30, 1859. His higher education was acquired at Hobart College in Geneva, N.Y. and the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City. He received the degree of M.D. in 1881 and began his practice in Medina where he continued until the time of his death. Dr. Munson served as a coroner of Orleans County for close to thirty-five years.

He was active in community affairs, serving at various times as a member of the Medina School Board of Education and also as a trustee at the Western House of Refuge in Albion. He was a memeber of the Alert Club and the Orleans County Medical Society. For a number of years he served as New York Central Railroad surgeon and health officer. At the time of his death he was the chief of the medical staff at the Medina Memorial Hospital. He was also an active member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Medina.

Dr. Munson married Lillian Smith of Watkins, N.Y. Their six children were: David C. Munson, William H. Munson, Mrs. A.J. Parkin, Mrs. Ernest Hart, Arthur E. Munson and Dr. Robert P. Munson. Of their children, William H. Munson will be remembered for his prominence by older residents as an Orleans County Judge and Surrogate.



DR. EDWARD MUNSON.

Following one year in that position, he was elected to the office of Justice of the New York Supreme Court in the 8th Judicial District.

Dr. Robert Munson was associated with his father's practice of medicine and will be remembered by some as a leading Medina physician, having an office in the S.A. Cook building.

Dr. Edward Munson served his community faithfully for forty-five years as a highly respected physician and community minded man.