

The following appointments have been made in the School of Medicine and Surgery of Montreal (affiliated to Victoria College). Dr. G. O. Beaudry, pro-sector to the chair of anatomy; Dr. A. Lamarche, demonstrator of anatomy and curator of the museum; Dr. Lachapelle, lecturer on hygiene.

Dr. William F. Scott (M.D., McGill College, 1876) of Hull, Que., passed his final examination, and was admitted a member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, on the 15th of November last.

CIVIC SMALL-POX HOSPITAL STATISTICS.

'We do not think that a more telling argument in favor of vaccination could be found, than the following statistics of the death rate of the Civic Small-Pox Hospital, from November 7th, 1874, to Nov. 1st, 1876:—

Protestant Hospital.—Total number received, 168. Died, 34. = 20.23 per cent. There were 54 unvaccinated, and of these 25 died: = 46.29 per cent. There were 114 vaccinated, of these 9 died: = 7.89 per cent.

Catholic Hospital.—Total number received 396. Died 127: = 32.07 per cent. There were 165 unvaccinated, of these 89 died: = 53.93 per cent. There were 231 vaccinated, of these 38 died: = 16.45 per cent.

In both Hospitals 564 Received. Died, 161 = 28.54 per cent.

Unvaccinated, received 219. Died, 117: = 53.42 per cent.

Vaccinated, received 345. Died 47 = 13.62 per cent.

We would suggest that, as many who have been vaccinated, reject re-vaccination as useless, it would be advisable in future to keep a record of the cases of small-pox which occur among the re-vaccinated. We have no doubt but that the result would prove the all but absolute safety which re-vaccination gives.

SPENCER WELLS' METHOD OF OPERATING.

A correspondent in the *Boston Medical and Surgical Journal* thus describes the method of the great ovariologist as witnessed during the seven hundred and ninety-fifth operation:

"1. Those invited to attend were requested to sign a certificate that they had not been pre-

sent within seven days at a post-mortem examination, visited a dissecting-room, or treated a case of contagious disease.

"2. They were then, punctually to the moment appointed, taken to an upper chamber, with bright, open exposure to the southwest, where Mr. Wells stood in readiness for his patient, who was already anaesthetized.

"3. Bichloride of methylene was the agent administered; or rather air charged with methylene by means of a caoutchouc pump.

"4. The lower extremities were confined by a band across them; the upper ones by a strap to each wrist, the arm being brought down beneath the table and fastened to one of its supports.

"5. The abdomen was covered by a thin rubber sheet, with a circular opening adapted to the possible length of the incision. Beneath the table, to catch the fluid contents of the cyst, or any thing which might drip, was an ordinary metallic hip-bath tub. Under the edge of the table, fastened so as to be within immediate reach of the operator, hung Mr. Wells' large spring-trocar, with a long curved arm, to which was attached a rubber tube of great caliber communicating with the tub beneath.

"6. None of the bystanders were permitted to examine or otherwise touch the patient.

"7. The incision was short, low down, occupying but a portion of the umbilico-pubic interval, and was completed upon a director of peculiar form, broad toward its rounded extremity. There were extensive adhesions, which were broken down by the hand with tolerable ease. Moderate hemorrhage occurred from their site, and from vessels in the line of incision. The cyst was multilocular, one of its cells containing a large amount of turbid fluid. Through the trocar-opening, sufficiently enlarged, Mr. Wells passed his hand and broke down such of the adjoining septa as would thus yield. The mass having then been readily delivered, a stout, slightly curved steel clamp was attached to the pedicle, and on severing this the first stage of the operation was completed in ten minutes from the first stroke of the knife.

"8. The other ovary, though still small, proving cystic, was also removed, the base being transfixed by a double silk thread tied on each side.