

DR. HUNTER ROBB, late assistant in gynæcology at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, has been elected to the chair of gynæcology in the medical department of the Western Reserve University.

DR. W. OSLER, of Baltimore, spent the greater part of the summer in England. After attending the meeting of the British Medical Association at Bristol he spent some time in London and Oxford. He paid a short visit to Toronto, September 24-28, on his return, after which he went to Baltimore.

DR. ARCHIBALD H. MACKINNON died in Everton, September 27, 1894, after a long illness. He took his course in the Toronto School of Medicine, graduating in 1877. He practised in Hillsburg for several years, and was highly successful as a medical practitioner, and greatly respected as a high-minded citizen. He removed to Toronto in 1892, but failing health prevented him from doing much professional work.

PHILADELPHIA AS A MEDICAL CENTRE.—According to the Philadelphia newspapers, that city is again asserting its right to special prominence as a medical centre. The census of the medical schools is as follows: University of Pennsylvania, 875; Jefferson, 700; Hahnemann, 325; Medico-Chirurgical, 300; Woman's, 200; total, 2,400.

The following candidates have passed the primary examination:—J. Becket, Thamesville; W. L. Coulthard, Toronto; B. F. Churchill, Toronto; P. G. Goldsmith, Peterborough; J. Gibbs, Bayview; D. Jamieson, Barrie; J. M. Jory, Norwood; J. Jardine, Toronto; Eleanor Lennox, Toronto; J. A. Marquis, Brantford; W. G. MacKechnie, Brighton; T. Sneath, Midhurst; H. H. Sinclair, Walkerton; Thos. Wilson, Elm; F. A. White, Aylmer.

FOR THE LUBRICATION OF CATHETERS.—To facilitate the exploration of the urethra and bladder in his wards in the Necker Hospital, Professor Guyon (according to the Paris correspondent of the *Lancet*) is in the habit of using the following formula: Powdered soap, 4 drams; glycerine and water, of each 2 drams; mercuric chloride, 1 grain. This ointment is said not to be irritating to the urethra, and to be endowed with much greater lubricating powers than either oil or glycerine.

THE TREATMENT OF APPENDICITIS.—At the last meeting of the Board of Managers of the University Hospital the director was authorized to set aside certain beds to be used by Professors William Pepper and J. William White for cases of appendicitis, those gentlemen being engaged in a special investigation of the symptoms, treatment, and pathology of that disease. Each case admitted to these beds will thus be studied from the outset with reference to both its medical and surgical features. It is hoped that the results may aid in clearing up the prevalent differences of opinion as to this malady.—*Medical News*.

FIRST AID.—She had attended the ambulance classes and obtained the certificate. The street accident she had earnestly prayed for took place. A man had broken his leg. She confiscated the walking-stick of a passer-by and broke it into three pieces for splints. She tore up her skirt for bandages.