

PERSONAL.

Dr. McClure, Medical Superintendent of the Montreal General Hospital, has tendered his resignation, to take effect on the 1st of May.

Dr. Geralde Howard, son of Dr. R. P. Howard, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, McGill University, is to be married on the 8th of March to the adopted daughter of Sir Donald Smith of Montreal. Dr. Geralde Howard's many friends will congratulate him on obtaining as his partner in life a lady so highly esteemed by all who have the pleasure of her acquaintance.

Dr. C. A. Wood (C.M., M.D., Bishop's College 1877), who so ably filled for several years the Chair of Pathology in the Medical Faculty of his Alma Mater on the completion of his course for this session, tendered his resignation, which has been accepted with deep regret. Dr. Wood had gained a most extensive but a very laborious practice, and it was telling seriously on his health. It was therefore necessary for him to cease his work for a time. He early last month proceeded to New York, where in attendance at the Poly-clinics, he devoted his time in special investigation. On the 22nd of this month, Dr. Wood sailed from New York, accompanied by his wife, for Hamburg from whence he will proceed to Berlin. It is his intention to remain abroad two years, during which time he will devote himself to special work, which he will follow in the future. His friends have every reason to believe that he will return to Montreal, and practice his specialty. Dr. Wood was admittedly one of Montreal's brightest medical men, so that his departure was witnessed with regret, and his return will be hailed with enthusiasm. In this issue we publish a letter by Dr. Wood from New York, and our pages will often be enriched with communications from Berlin.

REVIEW.

A synopsis of the Physiological Action of Medicines, prepared for the special use of the Students of the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania. By Louis Stare, M.D., and Jas. B. Walker, M.D. Third edition. Philadelphia. P. Blakiston, Son & Co., 1888.

One can hardly imagine why it took three authors to produce this little book of seventy-two pages; but whatever the reason they have suc-

ceeded admirably. In a very small compass they have compressed a vast amount of information on the physiological action of medicines, and have thus rendered medical students their debtors. We advise every student to purchase a copy.

Nasal Polypus, with Neuralgia; Hay Fever and Asthma in relation to Ethmoiditis. By Edward Woakes, M.D., London, Senior Aural Surgeon, and Lecturer on Diseases of the Ear at London Hospital, Surgeon to the London throat Hospital, with illustrations, Philadelphia, P. Blakiston, Son & Co., 1888. Price, \$1.25.

We have examined this work pretty thoroughly, and are satisfied that it is a very important addition to the literature of the subject. He elucidates an entirely new theory as to the origin of Nasal Polypi, if facts which have been patent to his eye can be designated theory. It is a volume which is sure to attract attention, and its perusal will whet the reader's appetite for the fuller volume, which is in course of preparation. It should be very carefully studied by all nasal specialists.

JOSEF HOFMANN.

This is the name of the marvelous boy pianist, who has been creating such a *furor* in New York and Boston, and other places, since last summer. His exact age we cannot give, but it is somewhat in the neighborhood of eight years, and the amount of work he has performed during the last nine months has been prodigious. Almost daily, and almost nightly also, he has performed before large audiences, amid great excitement and corresponding nerve strain. Playing the most difficult compositions of the great masters, improvising and leading orchestres, there has developed in him, as the result of this increased mental activity, a condition of nervous prostration, which threatens to blight a most wonderful genius. According to the *New York Medical Record*, a consultation of medical men has taken place, and the result is that the little fellow has been ordered complete rest. It is to be hoped that this will have the desired effect, but it is a matter of sincere regret that the little fellow has been as it were forced to the very brink of destruction. No matter what the character of the strain, it should fall but gently on a growing child.