

## Personal.

Dr. James Stewart and Dr. A. A. Browne are at present in Germany.

Dr. Craik, Dean of the Medical Faculty of McGill, leaves in a few days for London, where he will represent the Provincial Board of Health at the Sanitary Association.

The many friends of Dr. T. A. Rodger, chief medical officer of the Grand Trunk Railway, will regret to learn that he has been dangerously ill from erysipelas, having been confined to bed for the past six weeks. Hopes are now entertained of his speedy recovery.

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## Publisher's Department.

DR. COULTER'S COMBINED VAPORIZER AND INHALER.—We desire to express our very satisfactory experience in the use of the above inhaler. The points which we consider especially worthy of notice in this instrument are, firstly, its extreme simplicity. One drawback often experienced in the use of inhalers when left in sick rooms is their liability to get out of order. This is impossible with so simple an apparatus as this one; a vessel of water, a spirit lamp, and a sponge constitute the main parts of the apparatus. Secondly, as a vaporizer it cannot be too highly valued, and to those who have never employed it, it might at first seem incredible that such an immense diffusion could be produced from so small a quantity of disinfectant or volatile oil used with one of the smallest instruments. Only a few minutes are required to permeate an entire house. As a means of disseminating a disinfectant, it would be difficult, indeed, to surpass it; also as a means of introducing moist air into a chamber, so often required in the bronchial affections of children. It is an admirable contrivance, distributing the moisture evenly and rapidly. For disinfecting the room and clothing it is equalled only by the super-heated steam chamber, and where such cannot be obtained, the large inhaler of Dr. Coulter's can be substituted with advantage. It can be used in any room, large or small, no preparations being requisite; but the least valuable use to which the vaporizer can be put is the perfuming of rooms. We know of an instance where half a drachm of essence of lilac was sufficient to perfume a large house with the sweet smelling aroma by the aid of the vaporizer. Altogether we commend it as one of the best vaporizers for sterilizing rooms and producing hot or cold vapors as required.—*Canada Lancet*, June 1891.