

## PERSONAL.

S. R. Ellison (M.D., McGill College, 1873) is in practice at St. Thomas, Ont.

Dr. Robert Costigan (M.D., Bishops College, 1874) has been appointed one of the Attending Physicians to the Indianapolis (Indiana, U. S.) Dispensary.

Dr. A. G. Fenwick, of Three Rivers—one of the Governors of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Lower Canada, has removed to London, Ontario. He carries with him the good wishes of all with whom he has been associated, during a somewhat lengthened residence at Three Rivers. We believe Dr. Fenwick has been appointed Physician to the Hellmuth College in London, receiving a fair honorarium for his services—with the right of engaging in private practice. We wish our friend every possible success.

Dr. James McGarry (M.D. McGill College, 1858) of Drummondville, Ont., has been appointed Associate Coroner for the County of Welland.

Dr. Archibald McLay, of Bryanston, Ontario, has removed to Iona. Previous to his departure he was the recipient of a magnificent presentation watch, given to him by his friends, whose good wishes he carries with him to his new field of labor.

Drs. Lizars and Hiliary, of Toronto, have entered into a partnership as consulting and operative surgeons.

Dr. Harry Brown (M.D., McGill College, 1873) is in practice at Chicago, Illinois, and doing very well.

Dr. R. F. Godfrey (M.D., Bishop's College, 1873) has gone to England. He is in London, still further prosecuting his studies.

Dr. Henry Harkins (M.D., McGill, 1867) commenced practice in Guelph about two or three months ago, having entered into partnership with Dr. Clark of that place. Dr. H. served for a long time in the Allan Line of Steamships, being at one time the senior medical officer in the service. He was also attached for a short time to the Inman Line. We have no doubt that in his new sphere he will gain the same esteem and confidence which was shown towards him while following the sea.

Dr. Dougan (M.D., McGill, 1867) also served in the Allan Line for some time, afterwards in the African Mail Line for two voyages. Dr. D. has been practicing for about a year in St. Catharines, Ont., and we hear is doing very well.

Dr. William Marsden, of Quebec, has been elected President of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in that city.

## REVIEWS.

*Croup in its relations to Tracheotomy*, by J. SOLIS COHEN, M.D., lecturer on diseases of the throat at the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Lindsay & Blakiston, 1874; Montreal, Dawson Brothers.

This monograph was read before the Philadelphia County Medical Society in January, 1874, and referred by them to the Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania, and was by them ordered to be printed in their transactions. We have read it through with much interest, and consider it an able resumé of all that has been written on this very important subject. A large amount of statistical information is given, which is exceedingly valuable in the present feeling of the profession with regard to the propriety of this operation. In Montreal the results of tracheotomy have been very far from satisfactory, but elsewhere it has been different—the most successful operator of the present day being Dr. Buchanan of Glasgow. As the after treatment in cases of tracheotomy is of paramount importance, we copy the following:—

## THE AFTER-TREATMENT OF THE DISEASE AND OF THE SURGICAL WOUND.

A great deal of the success to follow tracheotomy for croup will depend upon the after-treatment the case. It was a want of recognition of the importance of this fact, that rendered success so infrequent previous to 1850 or thereabouts. Great stress has been laid upon this point by all recent writers on the subject. The most valuable work I have seen in this connection is from the pen of Dr. Sanné, of Paris, based upon his year of service (1868) in the Hôpital Sainte-Eugénie, which afforded him many opportunities to operate, and to study the results of operations, and the subsequent course of the disease. During that year 102 cases of croup were received into the wards of M. Barthez, of which 83 were subjected to tracheotomy with a result of 18 recoveries. M. Barthez placed records of other cases at the service of the author, so that his volume is the result of an analysis of 662 cases of croup subjected to tracheotomy. Dr. Sanné has made good use of this material, and has discussed the subject of after-treatment, accidents, and complications with great detail and circumspection. Much that follows has been chiefly derived from his pages, which present partly much the same conclusions as are expressed by most authors; the similarity of argument, and often of language in many articles, indicating a common source, that of the great Parisian tracheotomists.

The operation being completed, and its immediate dangers over, the patient should be replaced in bed and be well covered up. His apartment should be kept at a comfortable heat (70° F. at least), the temperature being regulated by a thermometer.