

and will, in future, have more time to devote to his *clientèle*. We trust that, with the renewed vigor secured by a lessening of his labors, Prof. Fenwick may yet live for many years to continue his much appreciated work in the interest of his patients and the public. We are glad to know that the Governors of the University, in view of his long and great services to the College, have raised him to the position of Professor Emeritus, so that the Faculty still will have the benefit of his presence and his wise counsels.

The vacancy thus created has been filled by the appointment of Prof. T. G. Roddick to be Professor of Surgery. Dr. Roddick will, however, retain his chair of Clinical Surgery in addition, and will continue to take an active part in hospital work during the winter sessions. We are certain that this appointment will meet with enthusiastic acceptance from the Canadian medical public.

In future, Dr. James Bell, who for some years has had experience in the teaching of practical surgery with the junior class, will assume the majority of the lecture and clinique work with the senior class. He has been appointed to the position of Lecturer on Clinical Surgery. Dr. Bell's already large experience in general surgery, the care and skill he has shown as an operator, and his zeal as an investigator, ensure his doing good work in the important department which he now assumes.

THE FATAL AFTER-ACTION OF CHLOROFORM.

Recently attention has been directed to a fatal action of chloroform coming on some hours or even days after its administration. Ostertag, in a paper published in the *Deut. Med. Zeitung*, records the result of a series of experiments he performed on rabbits, dogs and cats. By keeping the animals under chloroform for several hours, he almost invariably found that fatty degenerative changes were induced in different organs. The liver, heart and kidneys were found to be the most frequent seat of these changes. That similar changes are possible in man is very probable. The subject is one which has received but little attention. That chloroform may bring about a fatal issue days after