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## Personal.

PROF. OSLER, of Baltimore, is spending his vacation in this city.

THE following Canadians have been admitted to the L. R. C. P., Edinburgh: Drs. Geo. Hargreaves, John Duff, W. H. Rankin, and G. F. Emery.

THREE Canadians were admitted Licentiate's of the Royal College of Physicians of London on the 25th of July: Drs. G. H. Bowlby, J. A. Cross, and G. C. Stephen.

THE President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England for the coming year is Mr. Jonathan Hutchinson. The vice-Presidents are Messrs. T. Bryant and Croft.

AT the annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Medical Society, held in Halifax, the following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing year: President, Dr. W. B. Moore, Kentville; Vice-President, Dr. John T. Cameron, River John; 2nd Vice-President, Dr. Wickwire, Halifax; Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. W. S. Muir, Truro.

## Miscellaneous.

HOLIDAY COLONIES. —In Germany, at the end of the academic year, the children are passed in review by a medical commission, and all who are found to be in ill-health, or simply delicate, are admitted to form part of one of what are known as "holiday colonies"; that is to say, they come to school in the morning as usual, but instead of the reglementary A B C, they are taken away into the country each day, either to the woods or on to the estates of country squires who have intimated their desire to receive them for the day. The children have two meals a day, free of cost, and those too seriously indisposed to avail themselves of these trips are relegated to seaside institutions and convalescent homes.—*Med. Press and Circular.*

CONTRACTION OF PIGMENT CORPUSCLES.—The variation in colour produced by contraction of pigment corpuscles in the frog has been alluded to by Edward Jenner in connection with the occurrence of rheumatism, as well as with the swelling of dry wood under the influence of an atmosphere laden with moisture. In his poem on the signs of rain he says:—

"Hark! how the chairs and tables crack:  
Old Betty's joints are on the rack;  
The frog has lost his yellow vest,  
And in a russet coat is dressed."

The darker colour is due to the extension of protoplasm containing dark-coloured granules throughout the cell, while the yellow colour results from contraction of the protoplasm drawing the granules together into a compact clump, and allowing the yellow colour of the subjacent cells to appear.—*The Croonian Lectures.*

THE UTILIZING OF CONDEMNED MURDERERS.—The practical mind of Dr. Frank L. James would utilize the bodies of such criminals, *ante mortem*, for experimental pathology. This is a good suggestion, and in lieu of the judicial condemnation formulary: "Hanged by the neck until you are dead—dead—dead, and may God have mercy on your soul," we hope to see the time come when, pronouncing sentence for capital crime, the judge will solemnly say: "And now you are sentenced under the laws you have violated, to pay the righteous penalty of your crime. You will therefore this day choose