

Personals.

DR. G. STERLING RYERSON expects to return from Europe and resume practice about the middle of June.

DR. GARRATT and Dr. W. H. Harris, of this city, leave on the 12th for a few months' visitation to the hospitals of England and the continent.

DR. J. T. DUNCAN, of this city, has retired from general practice. On his return from a protracted course of study he will confine himself to special work.

DR. W. H. B. AIKINS was, at the last regular meeting of Toronto University Senate, elected to represent the medical graduates in the place of the late Dr. Laughlin McFarlane.

DR. J. CAMPBELL, late of Seaforth, has located at 669 Leonard St., Brooklyn. He will be greatly missed at the meetings of our various medical societies, for he was one of the most active of members.

Selections.

PUERPERAL SEPSIS.—In a recent lecture upon the after-treatment of puerperal sepsis, Dr. Davis remarked that ergot and strychnine were indispensable drugs. Twenty drops of the fluid extract of ergot with $\frac{1}{10}$ of a grain of strychnine sulphate are to be given every six hours, night and day. Good whiskey is to be given in large doses to combat fever and prostration and to keep up the nourishment.—*Philadelphia Polyclinic*.

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EFFECTS OF FORMALIN AND FORMIC ACID.—A. H. Pilliet (*Le Progrès Médical*) states that formalin is only slightly toxic, although a powerful antiseptic. To cause fatal results it must be given subcutaneously in doses of 0.25 gramme per kilogramme of body-weight. The effects of formalin and formic acid were found to be identical in so far as these produce lesions. These latter consisted principally of intense congestion, with evidence of cellular irritation and vacuolization, but no necrosis. These conditions were noted chiefly in the stomach, intestines, kidneys, liver, spleen, and supra-renal capsules. In one case the heart muscle was involved.—*Medicine*.