

Dr. Ruttan has been appointed professor of chemistry in McGill University, to succeed Prof. Gerwood, who lately resigned.

Dr. Boulet, Secretary of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Quebec, died at his home, Quebec, 6th June.

Dr. and Mrs. Shaw Webster, of Toronto, have returned from New York. The doctor has been visiting the principal hospitals in several of the American cities.

Dr. O. W. Colbeck, late of the Toronto Western Hospital house staff, has been appointed house physician to the Mount Airy Sanitarium for Children, Baltimore.

Dr. E. R. Secord, of Brantford, who went to Italy some time since for the benefit of his health, has returned home. He has had conferred upon him the Fellowship of the Edinburgh Obstetrical Society.

The Toronto General Hospital has appointed the following as its assistant medical staff: Drs. R. A. Mattin, J. D. Chisholm, T. R. McCollum, A. B. Rutherford, P. W. Saunders, C. R. Elliott, S. Johnston, R. N. Kyles, W. H. Lehry, and R. Parsons. As alternates: D. Lancaster, G. Davies, S. J. Farrell, and G. B. Jamieson.

BOOK REVIEWS.

PROGRESSIVE MEDICINE.

A quarterly digest of advances, discoveries, and improvements in the Medical and Surgical Sciences. Edited by H. A. Hare, M.D., Professor of Therapeutics and Materia Medica in the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, etc., assisted by H. R. M. Landis, M.D., Physician to the Out-patients Department of the Jefferson Medical College Hospital. Vol. II June 1902. Surgery of the abdomen, including hernia: gynaecology, diseases of the blood and ductless glands, the haemorrhagic diseases, metabolic diseases, and ophthalmology. Lea Brothers & Co., Philadelphia and New York, 1902.

THE present volume, like all its predecessors in the series, is a handsome one. It is gotten up in the very best style of the book-making art. The paper, type, illustrations, and binding are all that could be desired.

William B. Coley, Clinical Lecturer on Surgery in the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York, is responsible for 160 pages of the volume. He reviews the work done on penetrating shot-wounds of the abdomen, tuberculosis of the peritoneum, hernia, appendicitis, the abdomen in general, the stomach, duodenum, omentum, liver, pancreas, spleen, kidney, intestines, and rectum. It is impossible to review all the above. On the subject of appendicitis, a few important statements may be taken from the volume. It holds that chronic cases are really not