

Dr. Cassidy will spend his holidays at Murray Bay.

Dr. McPhedran has removed to 84 College Avenue.

Dr. Shaw, of Ottawa, goes to Orillia to take the practice of Dr. Elliott.

Dr. Elliott, of Orillia, will locate in Ottawa, where he will do a consulting practice.

Dr. William Young has commenced practice at 82 McCaul Street, Toronto.

Prof. Osler, of Philadelphia, will make Toronto his headquarters for the next five or six weeks.

Dr. Jno. Leeming (Toronto School of Medicine) has been appointed to the Dispensary staff of the Chicago Medical College.

Drs. George Wright and J. E. Graham are spending their vacation at a fashionable watering place—Port Sandfield, Muskoka.

It is expected that Mr. Bantock, of the Samaritan Hospital for Women, London, will be at the meeting of the Canada Medical Association, and deliver an address.

Dr. Malcolm Ferguson, brother of Dr. A. H. Ferguson, of Winnipeg, was at the head of the graduating class of Bellevue Hospital Medical College at the recent examination.

Mr. A. B. Macallum, B.A., Lecturer on Physiology in the new University Medical School, has gone to the Old World, and will spend a few months in Great Britain and the Continent in investigating the best and most practical methods of teaching in his department.

COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS, PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.—*Officers for 1887-89.*—Wm. H. Hingston, M.D., President; Dr. J. L. Leprohon and Hon. Dr. Ross, Vice-Presidents; Dr. Leonidas La Rue (Quebec), Registrar; Dr. E. P. Lachapelle, Montreal, Treasurer; Drs. F. W. Campbell, Montreal, and A. G. Belleau, Quebec, Secretaries.

No one in connection with the University of Toronto is better or more favorably known by recent Graduates in Medicine than the late Registrar, Mr. Alfred Baker. He has recently been promoted to the important and responsible position of Professor of Mathematics. The appointment is generally recognized as an excellent one. Unfortunately he will be much missed in the Senate, and we hope the Graduates will see that he is soon a regular member of that body.

A CLERGYMAN ON THE "FAITH CURE."—In a recent sermon on this subject, Rev. E. C. Ray, Hyde Park, Ill., says: "Apparent cures are often followed by a relapse, temporary improvement by permanent decline. From reported cases of cure we must deduct many of unreported relapse; it is not in human nature, when a wonderful cure has been published abroad, to follow it up with an account of the relapse coming afterward. Mistaken diagnosis accounts for many supposed cures. Physicians often, patients more often, mistake the nature of a disease. Temporary swellings are called malignant tumors or cancers (thus cancer-doctors get their reputations); hysteria simulates almost every other disease, so as to deceive even the most elect of doctors; dyspepsia produces symptoms of heart-disease or other deadly illness. There can be no question that a large proportion of faith-cures, and mind-cures, and a considerable proportion of cases under ordinary medical treatment, are cases of mistaken diagnosis, the disease being less serious in its nature than was supposed. Mistaken prognosis accounts for many cases; mistake as to what would be the outcome of the disease if no curative methods were employed. It is a truth seldom recognized by patients, though well known to physicians, that in most cases not hopelessly fatal from the start, there is from the start a strong tendency toward recovery. Dr. Austin Flint, sen., than whom perhaps no abler physician has lived in this land, always urged upon his students the truth that no drugs, but *vis medicatrix nature*, the healing-power of nature, is the means of recovery. The wise physician and nurse seldom attempt more than gently and humbly to assist Nature in her curative processes. Let me add the statement of a conviction derived from some years of such close scrutiny of medical practice of various schools as a pastor has good opportunity for,—a conviction agreed to, I think, by most physicians:—The benefit of medicine is often not its direct action upon the disease or upon the body, but its action upon the mind, and through that upon the nervous system and the whole body, stimulating faith, hope, expectation of recovery, good cheer, which are probably nature's mightiest remedial assistants."—*Med. and Surg. Rep.*

The late Prof. Friedlander's journal, *Fortschritte der Medicin*, will be continued under the editorship of Profs. Weigert and Unverricht.

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At Hespeler, July 13th, Dr. Thomas Swan, of cancer.