

sponges or anything used at the operation. At the hour named the door of the room is locked, and nobody is expected to leave until the wound made has been dressed. Visitors are requested to remove their coats, vest and cravat, and are admitted to the room only when the patient is on the table and all arrangements are completed.

Dr. Martin has remarkable success, as the result of the strict carrying out of this plan; but one feels like asking whether, if there were no antiseptic in the steam, or indeed if the spray were omitted altogether, similar favorable results might not ensue. I see that Emmet is opposed to the use of the carbolic spray in any shape (page 715 "Principles and Practice of Gynecology") and the proof is plain of its having poisoned patients.

The latest advices from German laboratories report no new bacilli this week. There has also been no re-christening of the cholera germ. It is now in order for some one to show that Koch, and all the members of both commissions (French and English) are in entire harmony!

I understand that there is considerable dissatisfaction in medico-military circles with the appointment of Dr. Roddick as assistant Director general of the surgical service in the North-West. No objection can be raised to Dr. Roddick in the score of ability or experience, but it is claimed that he was actually appointed over the heads of all the old surgeons in the militia who have served for varying terms, while but very recently connected with the "Prince of Wales Rifles" himself. Of the propriety of Dr. Bergin's appointment there can be no question. He has been lieutenant-colonel of the 59th Battalion since 1869, and is a man of energy and ability.

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#### PERSONAL.

Dr. GRAVELEY, of Cornwall (C.M., M.D., Bishop's College, 1877), has been appointed 2nd Surgeon to the Ambulance Corps on duty in the North-West, under the direction of Dr. Douglas,

V.C. Dr. Bell, Surgeon of the 6th Fusiliers, Montreal, is 1st Surgeon of the above Ambulance Corps. Dr. England (C.M., M.D., Bishop's College, 1885), left for England on the 18th by the Allan steamship "Circassian." Dr. England intends passing some time at the London Hospital.

Dr. RODDICK, of Montreal, has been appointed principal medical officer to the forces in the North-West. Dr. Roddick was appointed Surgeon to the 1st Battalion (Prince of Wales Rifles) on the 21st March, 1885.

Dr. J. G. B. HOWARD, son of Dr. R. P. Howard, of Montreal, has returned from a lengthened sojourn in Europe, and has commenced practice in this city.

Dr. MACDONALD (C.M., M.D., Bishop's College) of Manchester, N.H., U. S., has received from the Pope a decoration. Dr. MacDonald, who belongs to Nicolet, served in the Papal Zouaves.

Dr. W. P. Shoemaker, of Elk City, Penn., U. S., whose letters on the New York Hospitals and Medical Schools have appeared in the last two numbers of the *Record*, is now in London, England. He has been given the position of Clinical Assistant to Sir Andrew Clark of the London Hospital. Some interesting communications from him will shortly appear in our columns.

Dr. Heartwell, of Dunnville, Ont., died suddenly on the 10th of February, at the early age of 36 years. Dr. W. H. Montague has returned to Dunnville, Ont.

Dr. O. S. Strange, of Kingston, Ont., has received the surgeoncy of the penitentiary, in place of Dr. Lavell, who has been appointed warden of the same institution.

Surgeon-Major Neilson of B Battery Canadian Artillery, who went to Egypt in medical charge of the Canadian Voyageurs, did not return with them. He remains in the Soudan, and we believe was with General Stewart's column in its terrible march across the desert.

Dr. J. W. Mount has again been elected a member of the Montreal City Council.

Dr. Turcotte of the 9th Bat. Quebec has been gazetted "Surgeon-Major" as a special case. His commission is August, 1870.

Dr. Giason of L'Islet is a warrior doctor. He has just gone through the military school at St. John, P. Q., as a lieut. of one of the Battalions in his neighborhood.