

## ARTHUR JOYAL, M.D.

Dr. Joyal, of Montreal, died of heart failure in his fifty-ninth year. He was a graduate of Laval while he afterwards became attached as a teacher. He made a specialty of diseases of the nervous system.

## DONTAGUE DESNOYERS, M.D.

Dr. Desnoyers died in the Sacred Heart Hospital in Sherbrooke, at the age of seventy-two. He graduated in the United States, and on returning to Canada was appointed on the staff of Laval Medical College, Montreal. He was in Rome when Garibaldi took the city and was made a prisoner. He then returned to Montreal.

## WILLIAM H. JAMESON, M.D.

Dr. Jameson graduated from McGill in 1893. He did extensive post graduate work abroad on diseases of the nose and throat, which he followed as a specialty on his return to Montreal. He was in connection with McGill Medical College at the time of his death, which was caused by a brief illness.

## BOOK REVIEWS

## MATERIA MEDICA, PHARMACOLOGY, THERAPEUTICS AND PRESCRIPTION WRITING.

*Materia Medica, Pharmacology, Therapeutics and Prescription Writing. For Students and Practitioners.* By Walter A. Bastedo, Ph. G., M.D., Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine, Columbia University. Second edition, reset. Octavo of 654 pages, illustrated. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company, 1918. Cloth, \$4.00 net. Canadian agents, The J. F. Hartz Company, Limited, Toronto, Ontario.

This is a very good and useful book on the subject of drugs, their preparation and their uses. Its contents are compact and well arranged, and are adapted for quick reference or more deliberate study. It is a pleasing feature to note the attention that is devoted to the physiological action of drugs, as this must ever be at the very foundation of successful prescribing. Throughout the book doses are given in figures of grains, drachms, ounces, etc., and in brackets the corresponding dose in the metric system. For example, extract of hyoscyamus,  $\frac{1}{2}$  grain (0.03 gm.). The physician in seeking valuable information on this subject should procure a copy of this book.