

New Appointment.—At a special meeting of the Governors of McGill College, held August 27th, Dr. D. C. MacCallum was appointed to the vacant chair of Clinical Surgery.

OBITUARY.

At Williamstown, Glengarry, C. W., on the 21st August, Dr. John George Bethune, eldest son of the late Norman Bethune, Esq., of this city, in the 32nd year of his age. The deceased was well known in this city, his birth place, by a large number of friends, to whom he was endeared by kindly dispositions of heart and warm social qualities. He was also possessed of undoubted talents of a very high order, and they were afforded many an exhibition in graceful literary compositions, to which he was much devoted, before he became numbered with the cares of practice. Our last tidings from him was a notice of a beloved cousin who was likewise a physician, and over whom the grave had also closed.

BOOKS RECEIVED FOR REVIEW.

Taylor's Medical Jurisprudence, 1856. Benaet on Uterine Pathology, 1856. From Messrs. Blanchard & Lea, Philadelphia.

MEDICAL NEWS.

The Society of Surgeons of Paris have decided absolutely, from a large mass of facts, that syphilis is not capable of being transmitted with the vaccine virus.—Dr. F. Owen (*Charleston Medical Journal*) gives a case in which he knew cesarean section had been performed for the third time on the same individual.—“If physic do not work, prepare for the kirk,” saith an old proverb.—The physicians of Alleghany, Michigan, have adopted a set of rules, one of which we would like to see tried in Montreal, viz., not to attend a patient unless the physician previously in attendance shall have been regularly discharged and satisfactorily compensated for his attendance.—During the quarter ending July 1st, there were vaccinated by the city physicians of Boston 1043 persons.—When Mr. N. asked a daughter of Hahnemann who lived in the same house with him, to give him some homoeopathic remedy against his illness, he was advised by her to drink tea, as the homoeopathic remedies were nothing but dirt.—Prof. Evé has gone to Europe to expend 6000 dollars, exclusively in purchases for the Museum of the Medical Department of the University of Nashville.—Miss Nightingale has been elected an honorary life Governor of the Royal Free Hospital London, in testimony of her highly distinguished services in the cause of suffering humanity during the late war.—The Astley Cooper prize for £300 has been awarded to Dr. B. W. Richardson, of London, for his essay “on the cause of coagulation of the blood.”—The Professorship of Anatomy in the New York Medical College, is vacant by the retirement of Dr. E. H. Parker.—The great majority of the civil surgeons attached to the hospitals in the East have returned to Great Britain. A small portion of the staff will remain at Reskior, till the whole of the troops have left Turkey.—Hair dyes containing silver are becoming a profitable article of sale in the States. Each bottle contains actually from 8 to 10 cents worth of the metal and sells for a dollar. Yet so large is the consumption, that one firm in Buffalo used last year 1100 ounces of silver coin in manufacturing the dye.—Dove's trial will cost not less than £2475 10s., and this is exclusive of the cost of the inquiry before the Coroner.—The Registrar General's (England) return says, the mortality in the Spring Quarter was at the annual rate of 23.85 per 1000 in the chief towns, and 18.78 in the small towns and country parishes. This is below the average.