

The Hospital has undergone several changes during the vacation which will be beneficial for future students. The Board of Directors have gone to considerable expense in renovation. The grounds about the building have been beautified, and the internal arrangements have been made of more modern style. Most important to us students is the erection of an operating amphitheatre. This is entirely new, and an improvement upon its predecessor. It is situated upon the first flat of the Hospital. It is so constructed that more students can observe an operation, and are nearer to the operator, yet the latter has plenty of room. The room in which the operations were formerly conducted has been converted into a lying-in ward, for which it is well adapted. D. G. Russell is the House Surgeon for the winter. Besides irregular visits, students may avail themselves of clinics by the visiting physician and others at the following hours:—11 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays; 12 a.m. on Wednesdays; and 2 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, the Friday clinic being for unior-students in particular.

PERSONALS.

H. S. WILLIAMS, M.D., C.M., '84, has located at Mount Vernon, Dakota, where he is doing a rushing business.

E. FORRESTER, B.A., '82, M.D., C.M., '84, has spent the summer in the Hospitals of the old country, especially of Edinburgh, whence he has just returned.

W. PATTERSON, who entered with the class in '78, and was obliged to discontinue his studies through illness, has returned and entered the Final year.

T. SCALES, B.A., '79, has entered the Royal College this year.

W. G. ANGLIN, M.D., '83, M.R.C.S.E., who occupied a House Surgeoncy in the Edinburgh Infirmary for six months past, has just been awarded a similar position in the Home for Sick Children there for a half year.

E. B. ROBINSON, who was with us last session, is now in a lucrative position in the Model School, Chatham, Ont. He expects to return to his first love next fall.

DR. W. A. LAVELL, '81, is flourishing at Smith's Falls, Ont.

DR. FOXTON, '84, has been practising at Mallorytown, Ont., during the summer. He visited his Alma Mater last week, and looks well indeed.

DR. McCAMMON, '84, of Clifton Springs, Silver Medalist, was married on the 9th Oct. to Miss Hattie Johnson, of this city.

DR. W. J. WEBSTER, '84, has decided to open an office at White Lake, Aurora County, Dakota. He made a tour of the district, and is delighted with the climate and the country.

THE CONCURSUS VIRTUTIS.

THIS righteous Court has been reorganized with the following officials. Suffice it to say, it has lost none of its prestige, and beneath its jurisdiction justice, pure and undefiled, will be meted out to all who appear before its tribunal:

CHIEF JUSTICE—T. A. Bertram.

ASSISTANT JUDGES—Messrs. Stirling, Clark and Cunningham.

CLERK OF THE COURT—G. G. Storms.

HIGH SHERIFF—H. Burdette.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS—Messrs. Dawson, Spankie and D. E. Mundell.

CRIER—J. J. Anderson.

CONSTABLES—Messrs. Cameron, Ranstead, Pierie and McCammon.

The criminal code has been revised.

AN ASYLUM HORROR.

PUBLIC opinion is not always consistent in regard to ordinary things, but when it expresses itself in regard to extraordinary things, such as lunatics and lunacy laws it is invariably inconsistent. Recently the general public has waxed indignant over the Lynam case in Montreal, and Ontario papers have expressed themselves in "heated terms" in reference to the case. In fact, long before any definite result was reached in the investigation. Is it not strange that when so much virtuous indignation could be aroused at the persecution of a person presumably sane, so little has been said about the punishment of one presumably insane. Only a few weeks ago a patient escaped from one of our Provincial asylums and before being recaptured attempted to commit a horrible crime. For this he was arrested and tried. But what seems most strange is, that at the trial the question of sanity or insanity was not discussed, but the prisoner convicted and sentenced to six months hard labor in gaol. The judge said, "*under the circumstances he must be lenient*", and although the newspapers have not informed us what the *circumstances* were, we are free to suppose the *circumstance* insanity was the chief point referred to. Here we have an asylum horror within easy reach, and if we analyse it, there cannot fail to be something of interest evolved. If the man were sane, why was he kept in the asylum? if insane, why sentenced when the law says lunatics are not responsible? There seems to have been no evidence adduced to prove insanity in the case, although at the time the attempt at crime was made the prisoner was described in the papers as a most notorious *criminal lunatic*. The question should become more interesting at the end of six months when the criminal will be set at liberty, and it is to be hoped no "legal error" has arranged matters so clumsily that a dangerous and murderous maniac is to be turned loose upon the public.

All *paths* lead to the grave. Such is the cynic's criticism of the Allopath, the Hydropath and the Homoeopath.