

OBITUARY.

Dr. H. L. Vercoe (M.D., McGill, 1865) died at Toronto on the 28th of July last. He had practiced in Seaforth, Ont., for some years and gained the esteem of a large *clientele*.

Dr. J. R. Vicat (M.D., McGill, 1867) died lately in South Carolina from phthisis. He practised for many years at Richmond, Que., and was greatly esteemed.

Dr. W. G. Metcalfe, who died last August from a wound inflicted by a patient in the Rockwood Lunatic Asylum, Kingston, was a graduate of Toronto University, 1872.

PERSONAL.

Dr. John J. Gardner, Professor of Anatomy in Bishop's College, has been appointed physician to the Protestant Small-pox Hospital in Montreal.

Dr. Wolfred Nelson, (M.D., Bishop's, and M.D., McGill, 1871) has been appointed Medical Inspector for the New York Life Insurance Company for South America.

Dr. F. W. Campbell, of Montreal, returned to Canada by the Allan SS. Parisian, on the 27th of Sept.

Dr. Wyat G. Johnston, (M.D., McGill, 1884) has been appointed Pathologist to the Montreal General Hospital.

Dr. F. R. England, (M.D., Bishop's College, 1885) has returned to Canada—after six months passed in London, and commenced practice at Point St. Charles, Montreal.

The Rev. J. B. Saunders, M.D., Bishop's College, has been appointed Professor of Botany in his Alma Mater.

Dr. J. Wolf. Smith, (M.D., McGill, 1882) after some service on the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, has commenced practice in Montreal.

Dr. C. O. Reilly, Superintendent of the Toronto General Hospital, after spending three months in Europe, returned to Canada by the Allan SS. Parisian, September 27.

Dr. McNeece, (M.D., McGill College, 1869), has been appointed Assistant Health Officer for Montreal.

Dr. Major has returned to Montreal after spending seven months on the European continent.

Dr. Buck (M.D., McGill, 1862), Superintendent of the London Lunatic Asylum, has been granted four months' leave of absence, to recruit his health, which is somewhat broken down.

Mr. Keith, of Edinburgh, the celebrated Ovariotomist, lately paid a flying visit to Boston to consult with a surgeon of that city.

REVIEWS.

THE TECHNOLOGY OF BACTERIA INVESTIGATION.

Containing explicit directions for the study of bacteria, their culture, straining, mounting, etc. According to the methods employed by the most eminent investigators.
By C. S. DOLLEY, M.D., published by S. E. CASSINO, & Co., Boston.

The Author presents this work with the hope that its perusal will stimulate careful study of the Schizomycetis by American investigators, and assist them in adding their share to the mass of facts concerning bacteria. If a condensed compilation of most that is known regarding the methods for investigating bacteria, presented in a comprehensive and convenient form, will accomplish this purpose, the Author's hopes should be realized.

The subject is considered in three divisions: In Part First general directions are given of the methods of obtaining bacteria from air, earth and water, and from the tissues of healthy living organisms, the methods of making microscopical preparations of bacteria, the various methods of staining, and the preparation of bacteria for photography are described.

A description is then given of the methods of conducting culture experiments, how to prepare culture media, the various sterilization methods, etc. How to conduct inoculation experiments, and methods for biological analysis, such as ascertaining the effects of sunlight, cold, heat, electricity and upon bacteria. The determination of their chromophyll, assimilating power, and the effects of antiseptics and poisons upon them, concludes this Part. Part II. describes the special methods for investigating pathogenic bacteria. The various diseases in connection with which bacteria have been found are considered seriatim, and the methods for studying the organism fully described. Part III. gives formularies for the preparation of the various staining fluids. Culture, media, mounting media, etc. To the working student in bacteriology, or those intending to become such, this book will be found invaluable, the only want felt in perusing it is that of illustrations, in the way of plates, cuts, etc. There is an entire absence of such; they would make the book more attractive, and greatly assist the student in comprehending the numerous descriptions. A useful feature of the book is the references to the literature on the subject under consideration, which appear at the end of each section; the names of the writers are given, with the title of the article and name and date of the journal in which it appears.