

Personals.

Dr. G. L. Foster is a new comer among us, and has taken up his residence at 184 Pleasant street.

Dr. W. D. Forrest has just returned from London, where he was successful in securing the double qualification, M. R. C. S. and L. R. C. P.

Dr. E. E. Bissett, of Port Morien, is now taking a post-graduate course in New York, his practice being attended to for the present by Dr. L. B. W. Braine.

Dr. G. D. Turnbull, of Yarmouth, has left for Chicago to resume work in eye, ear, nose and throat diseases.

Dr. J. B. Black, of Windsor, was recently elected mayor of that town by a good majority.

Dr. J. R. McIntosh, of St. John, has gone on a trip to the West Indies.

Sir Wm. MacCormac has received from the President of France the Cross of Commander of the Legion of Honor.

The death of Senator Almon took place on the 18th inst., in the 86th year of his age. An extended obituary from the pen of one who knew him well from early life to ripened old age will be published in next issue.

Book Reviews.

STUDIES IN THE PSYCHOLOGY OF SEX.—The Evolution of Modesty.—The Phenomena of Sexual Periodicity.—Auto-Erotism. By Havelock Ellis, M.D. 6½x8½ inches. Pages xii-275. Extra Cloth, \$2 00 net. Sold only to Physicians, Lawyers, Clergymen, Advanced Teachers and Scientists. F. A. Davis Company, Publishers, 1914-16 Cherry Street, Philadelphia.

We have grown accustomed to expositions by Havelock Ellis upon criminology and allied subjects, and have come to regard him as excellent authority upon any subject on which he chooses to write. The announcement of a new work is therefore hailed with pleasure. The title of this new work at once arouses interest, and altho' it is difficult for one to define just what should be expected from it, there is at least anticipated a treatise clothed and clouded in the language and abstrusities of the psychologist. As a matter of fact there is a complete absence of such befoggery, and the style of composition throughout is lucid and most readable. The work discusses in very frank language the various topics detailed above, and makes free reference to the notions held by various peoples at various times with reference to the sexual instinct and its manifestations. This gives to the book a certain fascination which one would almost prefer not to confess, and for this reason we are glad that its sale is to be almost restricted to members of the medical and legal professions. A general circulation of the book might have anything but a good influence. Its perusal might be of assistance to medical men in enabling them to better understand the nature of some of their patients, and might persuade lawyers that all that seems bad is not necessarily so. But it is also reveals weaknesses and imperfections in human character which we would fain believe to be uncommon, the mere suggestion of their existence being sufficient to make one feel uncomfortable.

As is their custom, the publishers have done their part of the work in a manner which leaves nothing to be desired.