

Personals.

Drs. C. P. Bissett, A. S. Kendall and J. F. Ellis were elected at the recent by-elections for the Provincial Legislature, the last named being unopposed.

Dr. Alfred Thompson was elected for the Yukon at the recent Dominion election. It is worthy of mention that both Dr. Thompson and his opponent, Mr. Congdon, are both former Nova Scotians.

Dr. G. C. Jones and Mrs. Jones recently left for Bermuda. The Doctor will return early in January. Mrs. Jones will remain for some months.

Book Reviews.

The Surgical Treatment of Bright's Disease.—By George M. Edebohls, A. M., M. D., LL. D., Professor of the Diseases of Women in the New York Post Graduate Medical School and Hospital, Consulting Surgeon to St. Francis Hospital, New York, etc., etc. FRANK F. LISIECKI, PUBLISHER, 9 to 15 MURRAY ST., NEW YORK, 1904.

This octavo volume of about 300 pages contains the most startling new departure in operative surgery of recent years.

To physicians and surgeons of twenty or thirty years ago the clinical records given in this book would be simply incredible, while the pathological theories adopted in explanation of the results would be deemed visionary. Indeed we imagine that the term visionary may be on the lips of many students of renal pathology of the present day as they read the author's fervid claims for the benefits of his operation. But those who have followed the course of renal surgery since Henry Morris captured this physician's realm for the surgeon, and those who are acquainted with the eminent services of Edebohls to operative surgery are prepared to listen with interest, perhaps not unmixed with perplexity to the six dozen remarkable cases detailed in this book, and to the views of the eminently clever and daring surgeon who publishes them.

The name of Edebohls has long been familiar in connection with the operation of nephropexy, or the refixation of dislocated kidney, and for many years a frequent feature of his technique in this operation has been the stripping off of the capsule of the kidney, a procedure apparently originally employed by certain German Surgeons (Rose, Löbstein, etc).

In a certain number of his cases of movable kidney, the usual signs of chronic nephritis were present at the time of operation, and it was an agree-