

DR. J. CLARENCE WEBSTER.

We have to chronicle with mingled feelings of pleasure and regret the early departure from our midst of Dr. J. Clarence Webster, Lecturer in Gynæcology in McGill University. While it is gratifying to know that his ability has led to his appointment as Professor of Obstetrics and Gynæcology in the University of Chicago, his genial presence and his scholarly attainments have, in a few years, attached him very closely to the profession in this city and his fellow teachers at McGill.

Dr. Webster has had a distinguished career. He was educated at Mount Allison University, where he took his degree of B.A. in 1882. He graduated M.B. at Edinburgh University in 1888, receiving the degree of M.D. in 1891. He was subsequently made a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh, and a Fellow of the Royal Society, Edinburgh. He has also had a Continental training in Leipzig, where he worked under Sanger, and also in Berlin. In 1889, he became Assistant Lecturer on Obstetrics in the Edinburgh School of Medicine. In 1890 he was appointed First Assistant in the Midwifery Department of the University of Edinburgh, as well as private assistant to Prof. A. R. Simpson.

Dr. Webster has taken a number of research scholarships and is a member of several foreign medical societies. He is the author of a text-book on gynæcology, a monograph on extra-uterine pregnancy, and numerous other medical works. Since 1897 he has been connected with McGill University. It is a pleasure to recognise that one of our number has, by his labours, gained for himself a reputation in both continents, and while we admit sorrowfully that the University of Chicago offers to him in position, emoluments and opportunities, inducements with which we in Montreal cannot vie, we feel a jealous bitterness that we cannot retain so brilliant a colleague, and he will perhaps forgive us if we express the hope that he may find the stress and strain of Chicago so inimical to research and quiet thought, that we may at not too distant a date see him back in our midst. We extend to Dr. Webster our congratulations on his appointment to such an important position, and our best wishes for his success in his new sphere of work.

NOTE.

Owing to an error on the part of the printer in making up the forms for the April number of THE JOURNAL, pages 313 and 314 were transposed, also the three first lines on page 313. Readers interested in the editorial on "Glycerinated Vaccine" will therefore read from line 3 on page 313 to page 314: and in the editorial "Prescribing Opticians" read from foot of page 14 to third line of page 313, and from page 313 to 315.

The EDITORS can only express regret if their readers have been inconvenienced through this error on the part of their printers.