

ACTIVE SERVICE IN THE NORTH-WEST.

It was not very creditable to our profession that of the two regiments called on active service in the North West neither took their gazetted medical officers with them, substitutes being provided. Where all the officers had to suffer some loss, either of business or income, the same should have been expected of the Surgeons. In the case of Dr. Mignault there was, however, a more valid excuse which was mentioned in a previous number. Since then Dr. Mignault has written us as follows:

"On the 2d of March, I had an attack of *hmoptysis*, after a rather long lecture in my anatomical amphitheatre.

The 65th was called out on the 28th of March. I consulted several physicians as to the advisability of my going, their opinion was unanimous, under the circumstances, against the journey.

I furnished my substitute with a complete *suit* and all necessaries for the trip.

Since then, feeling better, I wrote to Lieut.-Col. Ouimet, placing my services at his disposal, if required for the Battalion."

PERSONAL.

Dr. O'Reilly, Medical Superintendent of the Toronto General Hospital, sailed in the *Parisian* of the Allan line for Europe on the 30th of May.

Dr. William Gardner has been elected Gynecologist to the Montreal General Hospital.

Dr. George W. Major has been elected Laryngologist to the Montreal General Hospital.

Dr. R. L. McDonnell has been elected a Physician to the Montreal General Hospital, in place of Dr. Osier resigned.

Dr. A. D. Blackader and Dr. F. W. Campbell have been elected Assistant Physicians to the Montreal General Hospital.

Dr. James Bell has been elected an Assistant Surgeon to the Montreal General Hospital.

Dr. William Stephen of Montreal has recently left the city for Vienna, intending to devote his attention to Diseases of the Eye and Ear. It is said that his intention is to settle in Buenos Ayres.

Dr. Wm. McClure (M.D., McGill) has been elected Medical Superintendent to the Montreal General Hospital.

Dr. Major, Laryngologist to the Montreal General Hospital, has gone to Vienna for a few months.

Dr. Finley of Montreal, Dr. Gustin of London and Dr. Eberts (M.D., McGill, 1885) have been appointed Resident Medical Officers of the Montreal General Hospital.

REVIEWS.

The London Medical Student and other Comicalities. Selected and compiled by HUGO ERICHSEN, M.D. Detroit, Michigan, 1885.

It is almost half a century ago since the *London Medical Student* was published in the *London Punch*, and when we began our studies a quarter of a century ago it formed part of almost every medical students' library; lately, however, it has been difficult to obtain, and therefore has not been as much read as formerly. Dr. Erichsen has therefore done a thing to be commended in re-printing it, on this side of the Atlantic, for a more enjoyable medical sketch is not to be found. The medical man who can read it and not be convulsed with laughter is one to be pitied, for it is full of wit and humor as a nut should be full of meat. The remainder of the book is full of medical jokes collected from an immense number of sources. Many of these are splendid, and Dr. Erichsen has done the profession a good service in collecting them in so permanent a form. Altogether the book is well worth the cost, and it should be in the hands of every medical man in the Dominion. We predict for it a large sale. It can be ordered direct from Dr. Erichsen.

The Oleates: An Investigation into their Nature and Action. BY JOHN U. SHOEMAKER, A.M., M.D., Lecturer on Dermatology at the Jefferson Medical College; Physician to the Philadelphia Hospital for Skin Diseases; Member of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society; The Minnesota State Medical Society; The American Medical Association; The American Academy of Medicine; The British Medical Association; Fellow of the Medical Society of London, etc., etc., etc.

In this book Dr. Shoemaker gives an account of his investigation concerning the oleates. The author is certainly one of the best authorities on this new and very useful class of remedies.

The indication and method of preparing the different oleates are very clearly given. No physician pretending to treat skin diseases should be without a copy of this very instructive little book.