

Personal.

Dr. Playter, of Toronto, has removed to Ottawa.

Dr. W. H. Burland has removed from Montreal to Florida.

Dr. Dowling, M.P.P. for North Renfrew, has been unseated.

W. A. Shufelt, M.D. (McGill, '81), passed the R.C.S., Edin.

G. Carruthers and J. C. Bowser (Class '83, McGill), have passed the R.C.P., Lond.

Dr. Burnham, of Toronto, was married on the 14th ult. to a daughter of the Hon. Sidney Smith, of Cobourg, Ont.

Medical Items.

—Dr. Depaul, Professor of Obstetrics in Paris, died on October 22nd, aged 73.

—Mrs. Scott, wife of the late Prof. Scott, died on the 22nd ult., scarcely six months after the death of her husband.

—We regret to see that a death from chloroform in the dentist's chair took place a week or two ago in Berlin, Ont.

—The Homewood Retreat for insane persons opened at Guelph on the 15th. With Dr. Lett and such a staff of directors we predict for the institution a prosperous career.

—In the three by-elections at present progressing in Ontario, doctors are among the candidates. In West Simcoe, Dr. Wylie; in West Middlesex, Dr. Roome; and in Cardwell, Dr. Robertson.

—Mr. James Shuter, one of the assistant surgeons at St. Bartholomew's, died from the effects of an overdose of morphia accidentally taken by mistake for a saline mixture.

—Dr. Ruhdorfer reports an unusually obstinate case of hiccough, lasting three months and resisting all remedies, finally cured by the injection of three centigrammes of hydrochlorate of pilocarpin.

BRANTFORD CITY HOSPITAL.—Mr. John H. Stratford has offered the City Council to build an hospital at a cost of \$12,000, to be called by his name. He further offers to give \$400 a year for maintenance.

COMMUNICABILITY OF PHTHISIS.—The Collective Investigation Committee of the B. M. A. received 1,078 replies to this question. Of these, 673 were negatives and 261 affirmatives. Of these a large proportion (192) refer to husbands and wives or near relatives, and it is worthy of note that in 130 of these it is stated that "no family history of phthisis existed in the partner to whom the disease was supposed to be transmitted."