

Sir William MacCormac, surgeon to St. Thomas, Hospital, London, was in Montreal early in September.

Thomas Cook, for the last thirty years janitor to the McGill Medical Faculty, owing to increasing infirmities, has been pensioned by the Faculty.

Dr. Walsh, of Washington, editor of the *American Retrospect*, spent a couple of days in Montreal lately. While here he visited Dr. Bessy's vaccine establishment.

Professor A. P. Simpson, of Glasgow University, was in Montreal for several days lately.

Dr. James Stewart, the new Professor of Materia Medica and Therapeutics in McGill College, returned from Vienna on the 3rd. Sept.

Dr. Hurd, Superintendent of the Asylum at Pontiac, Mich., visited the Longue Pointe Asylum lately. The *Canada Medical and Surgical Journal* says: He was disgusted—as are all intelligent physicians who know anything of it—with the way in which the institution is conducted.

Dr. Graham, of Toronto, spent a few days in Montreal on his return from a visit to Tracadie, N.B., where he has made a most exhaustive study of the Lepers at the Lazaretto.

Dr. James McGregor Stevenson, (M.D., McGill, 1857), has removed from Bryanston, Ont., to London, Ont., on the 14th of September. Previous to his departure from Bryanston, about fifty of Dr. Stevenson's friends met at his residence and presented him and his lady with an address (beautifully engrossed and framed), expressing deep regret at their contemplated removal to the city of London, and requested their acceptance of a very handsome silver tea set, as a small token of the high esteem in which they are held. The Doctor in feeling terms replied, thanking them for their valuable present; for the confidence which they had ever reposed in him, and for the many acts of kindness which he and his family had received at their hands. After remarks of the most friendly kind, and expressions of deep regret at the loss which they were about to sustain in the departure of Dr. Stevenson, the company sat down to a bounteous supper provided by the visitors, and enjoyed themselves during the evening in a manner not soon to be forgotten.

Our report of the meeting of the Canada Medical Association is partly taken from the Philadelphia *Medical Times*.

OBITUARY.

Dr. Edward Laberge of St. Philomene, Chateauguay County, P.Q., died on the 29th of August. He was a graduate of McGill College Faculty of Medicine 1856, and an earnest, painstaking physician. He was a member of the Provincial Legislature and an advanced Liberal; he was also a Governor of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of this Province.

REVIEWS.

The Pathology and Treatment of the Diseases of the Ovaries. By LAWSON TAIT, F.R.C.S., Ed. & Eng. Fourth Edition, rewritten and greatly enlarged. New York: Wm. Wood & Co., 1883, pp. 351.

Few modern surgeons have been more roundly abused than Lawson Tait. His powerful advocacy of abdominal section for the relief of salpingitis, his open contempt for Lister's spray, his stubborn opposition to vaccination and vivisection, have raised up hosts of enemies and alienated many friends. Though his views are too often extreme and even eccentric, his tone sometimes harsh and uncompromising, his claims and statements high-colored and injudicious, yet his originality, skill and success have won for him a foremost place among European surgeons. His results since 1878 have been so remarkable that he has now no fear of the peritoneum, and formulates the following surgical law:—

"In every case of disease in the abdomen or pelvis in which the health is destroyed or life threatened, and in which the condition is not evidently due to malignant disease, an exploration of the cavity should be made."

We heartily commend this book as practical and suggestive, and well worthy a careful perusal.

A Treatise on Therapeutics, comprising Materia Medica and Toxicology, with especial reference to the application of the Physiological Action of Drugs to Clinical Medicine. By H. C. WOOD, M.D. Fifth edition, revised and enlarged. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co., 1883, pp. 740.

The fact that the fourth edition of this book was exhausted in six months is the best possible proof of its popularity and value. We can only reiterate our favorable opinion, recommending it strongly to those who would rise above empiricism and have a reason for the faith that is in them.