

## PERSONAL.

Dr. Wesley Mills is delivering the course on Physiology and Pathology this Session at McGill College.

Dr. Molson, of Montreal, we understand, has no intention of removing to Philadelphia, as stated last month by the *Canadian Practitioner*.

Dr. John J. Gardner, late house surgeon of the Montreal General Hospital, has been appointed Demonstrator of Anatomy in the Medical Faculty of Bishop's College.

The Glee Club of the Medical Students of Bishop's College, assisted by a few amateurs, gave a concert in Farnham, Que., on the 31st of October, in aid of a church fund.

The many friends of Dr. J. Leslie Foley, late Professor of Anatomy in Bishop's College, will regret to learn that his illness has become so serious as to necessitate his entirely giving up practice.

Dr. Osler, late Professor of the Institutes of Medicine in and Registrar of the Medical Faculty of McGill University has been elected Professor of Clinical Medicine in the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, rendered vacant by the transference of Professor Pepper to the chair of Practice of Medicine. Dr. Osler has accepted the position, and left Montreal on the 7th of October, to enter upon his duties. Previous to his departure the Medical Profession of Montreal entertained him at a farewell dinner at the Windsor hotel. All the Medical Schools in Montreal were represented at the dinner, and warm expressions of regret at Dr. Osler's departure were uttered by the various speakers. The line of teaching which Dr. Osler has assumed is somewhat new to him. His friends, however, hope that he may be as successful a teacher of Practical Medicine as he has been of Physiology and Pathology. Since his arrival in Philadelphia, Dr. Osler has been warmly welcomed by his new colleagues. His departure is a serious loss to the Medical Faculty of McGill, of which he was a very active member, and it will create a vacancy on the attending staff of the Montreal General Hospital.

## THE LATE DR. GEORGE W. NELSON.

Dr. Stern, of Panama, writing to us, says:

"The death of Dr. George W. Nelson, late Resident Surgeon to the Central Hospitals of the

Panama Canal Company, has removed from the ranks of the Medical Profession a bright and promising ornament. During the brief period that the Canal Company had the benefit of his services he proved himself an earnest worker, painstaking and observant. He had made valuable use of his time, and had he been spared would have manifested what good sound medical training, backed by industry and careful observation in a large field of practice, can effect. He has died 'with all his music in him' at the early age of 26 years.

His death took place in California, whither he had gone in the hope of recovering his health. He succumbed to his malady, tubercular phthisis, on the 2nd of October.

In the but too few years allotted to him on earth he hath done his work faithfully and well; and the longest life is all too short if this be no achieved."

The *Panama Star* and *Herald* says:—

"The late Doctor Nelson came of a family of doctors, he being the ninth in direct descent. He was the second son of the late Dr. Horace Nelson, of Montreal. With his brothers, he was a student of the Medical Faculty of Bishop's College, Montreal, graduating in 1879, with honors in his primary and final years, taking the final prize. Still being a minor he had to wait nearly a year for his diploma, when he became a member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Province of Quebec. While waiting for his degree he practiced as Assistant to Dr. H. Cotton, at Mount Forest, Ontario. Later, he established a successful practice at Marbleton, P.Q. The drudgery of the life told severely on his health, and the hereditary enemy of his family for many generations singled him out. In December, 1881, he passed through this city on his way to California, in search of health. He remained there a year, returning to this city in December, 1882. He practised with his brother, Dr. Wolfred Nelson, until March, 1883, when the Canal Company offered him an appointment. He filled the latter ably, and amassed a valuable collection of clinical notes, particularly on the fevers of the country. A series of meteorological observations conducted by him will throw some valuable light on the influence of atmospheric conditions on yellow fever. They will be published for the benefit of the profession that he loved so well. In April