

running to the west coast of Africa; after one year's service with the latter, he re-entered that of the M. O. S. Co., remaining one year, and then finally left to again serve in the African Line. He was surgeon of the "Macgregor Laird" steamship when that vessel was wrecked on the rocks in the Bay of Crisco, where she became a total loss. The passengers and crew were landed on Eloby Island in the Bay, and were obliged to remain there nine days, during which time they were attacked by the negro savages, and in the melee which ensued several of the crew were killed, and Dr. Irvine received six slugs in the leg and a stab in the neck which laid him up for some months. On the ninth day they were taken off by a French man-of-war and carried to Fernando Po, being sent from there to England as shipwrecked mariners. While on the African line a petition was received from the British residents of Bonny River, asking him to come there, at which station he stayed two years and was through the severe epidemic of yellow fever which occurred on the coast in 1873. On his departure the residents presented him with a very handsome testimonial and expressions of regret at his leaving. While on the Bonny River, in addition to his other duties, he was physician to King George, receiving a salary of \$800 a year from his sable majesty, and at one time was called to visit a sick king in the Eboe country where a white man had never before been seen or permitted to enter. Dr. Irvine has been attending the hospitals in London during the last six months.

By the time this number will have reached our readers Dr. F. W. Campbell, the editor of this paper, will have returned to Montreal, as it was his intention to sail from Liverpool on the 29th of October. He was detained in Scotland beyond the time expected for his return owing to the death of a relative, and during his stay was laid up with a severe illness which confined him to bed for some time, however, by accounts received lately, he had recovered his usual health, and we expect to see him resume his duties with renewed vigor.

Dr. Francis W. Campbell, editor of the *Record*, returned from Europe by the Allan Mail S.S. *Polynesian*, on the 9th of November, as did also Dr. Elkington, of Brockville.

Dr. Wolfred Nelson removed an enlarged thyroid gland from a young woman living in the western end of the city, on the 24th of October. The left gland alone was implicated in the enlargement, and there was no connection with the right lobe. Very little blood was lost during the operation, and the patient has since done well, the wound being almost completely healed. All the females of her family are affected with goitre. The mother has an enlarged thyroid gland of great size occupying the whole of the anterior portion of the neck. The operation was performed at the request of the patient, as the deformity gave her much annoyance.

Dr. Norman Kerr, a few years ago surgeon on the Allan line, has purchased a practice in St. John's Wood, London.

Dr. Edmond Robillard, of this city, recently paid a short visit to Europe. He returned by the *Sarmatian*, the middle of October.

HEALTH OF MONTREAL.

The health of Montreal is not by any means satisfactory. Small-pox continues its ravages—the eastern section of the city still furnishing the greatest number of victims. Vaccination is being pushed with a certain amount of vigor—and we think that already its use is being demonstrated; for the last couple of weeks (ending November 20) has shown a considerable diminution in the death-rate from this affection. The city authorities have opened a Small-pox Hospital, in an old family residence in the new Mount Royal Park, and it is doing good and effective service. We regret to notice, however, that the authorities of the Montreal General Hospital still receive this disease—believing themselves compelled to do so by a clause in a Provincial Statute. Typhoid fever is also very prevalent, there being several hundred cases in the city—many cases are fortunately of a mild type. We have also heard of several cases of true diphtheria.

BIRTHS.

At Montreal on the 23rd of October, the wife of Dr. J. C. Irvine of a daughter.

DIED.

At Montreal, on Saturday, the 24th of October, Dr. J. C. Anderson, eldest son of Rev. Canon Anderson, Rector of Sorel.

At St. Leboire, on the 24th inst., after a short illness, Dr. J. A. O. Tetreault, in the 49th year of his age. The funeral took place from his late residence, at St. Pie, on Tuesday, the 27th October.