

mittee from Toronto University. Whatever the outcome of the proceedings may be, the best information is that it will not affect the arrangement between the two medical faculties.

Dr. Wilfrid L. Taylor, McGill, '01, died at Waterloo.

Dr. W. E. Montgomery died at Gorrie, Ont., 8th Sept., of phthisis.

Dr. Armand Hudon, Montreal, died 1st September, after an illness of three days.

Dr. R. Bruce Shaw, Charlottetown, a graduate of McGill, and at one time house-surgeon, Royal Victoria Hospital, died in Boston.

## **Retrospect of Current Literature.**

### **SURGERY.**

UNDER THE CHARGE OF GEORGE E. ARMSTRONG.

#### **The Age for Operating on Cleft Palate.**

R. W. MURRAY, F.R.C.S., Eng. "The Age for Operating on Cleft Palate." *British Medical Journal*, August 29th, 1903.

When the cleft involves either the soft palate alone or both the soft and hard, about the end of the second year is advocated as being the best time to operate. In cases of hare-lip not associated with cleft palate, Mr. Murray operates between the third and fourth week, when the two coexist, the lip is treated first, the palate afterwards at the given ages.

If the defect is limited to the lip or soft palate the prognosis for perfect articulation is good, but when the cleft involves the alveolar border, or hard palate, no matter at what age the operation is done, the result obtained is not as favourable, as defect in these structures is associated with imperfect development in the nasal chambers and these play a very important part in articulation.

Closure of the cleft before the child learns to speak gives the best result, while operation in earlier infancy is more difficult, the tissues are friable, and amount of flaps obtainable very much less, with the result that the soft palate is made smaller and is not movable, two factors regarded by the writer as essential for proper articulation.

#### **Intussusception of the Vermiform Appendix.**

F. POWELL CONNER, F.R.C.S., Eng. "Intussusception of the Vermiform Appendix." *Lancet*, August 29th, 1903.

This rare condition was rendered more interesting by the unique