

cology at the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons, *vice*. Dr. Geo. Wright, resigned.

Dr. Milne, of Victoria, B.C., is taking a vacation, and visiting his many old friends in Ontario, who are glad to welcome him back and to hear of the prosperity in the Pacific Province.

Dr. J. F. W. Ross of this city will shortly leave for England, where he will spend six months with Mr. Lawson Tait and other renowned surgeons, after which he will proceed to the Continent to visit the leading Hospitals, and on his return to Toronto, will pay more particular attention to gynecology and abdominal surgery. He will probably be absent for one year. We trust our readers may be favored with many letters from him.

We regret to learn that Dr. Arnott, of London, will go to California early in September, and remain at least a year. It is possible he may make Los Angeles his permanent home. After he had decided to leave the Province, he tendered his resignation as Teacher of Clinical Medicine in the Medical Department of the Western University. The authorities, wisely, we think, refused to accept it, but have made arrangements to fill the position temporarily with the hope that the doctor will return in time to resume his work for the session of 1889-90. Dr. Arnott, as a physician of the highest type in all respects, and one of our best teachers, will be sadly missed, and we sincerely hope that his health and that of his family will permit his return to Canada within a reasonable time; but, in any case, we wish him and his family health and success.

Miscellaneous.

THE FIRST NEPHROTOMY.—In the *Gentleman's Magazine* for August, 1773, appears the following: "Mr. Paul, a surgeon, at Stroud, in Gloucestershire lately extracted from the kidneys of a woman, by an incision through her back, a rough stone as large as a pigeon's egg, and made an entire cure; it is the first of the kind ever performed in this kingdom."—*Hospital Gazette*.

There are two kinds of hospitals, those devoted to the good of the poor in the community, and those devoted to increasing the bank accounts of their owners. They correspond to the two great classes of doctors, the scientific and the trade doctors. The one labors to find out knowledge and apply it for the benefit of humanity, and the other labors to fill his pockets with dollars.—*Ex*.

A Medical Club has been established in St. Petersburg, the objects of which are purely social. Any physician in good standing is eligible to membership, the only dues being the payment of two roubles each evening of meeting. The entertainment consists of music, dancing, card-playing, and tea-drinking. It is hoped shortly to secure a club-house, and then a permanent organization will be effected.—*N. Y. Med. Record*.

A MISHAP TO AN AMATEUR DOCTOR.—The newspapers record a somewhat amusing incident that lately happened to a person who tried to bring a man out of an epileptic paroxysm by pouring cold water into his mouth and upon his neck. After a slight struggle, according to the account, the epileptic sank back apparently dead, whereupon the manipulator of the water became intensely anxious and placed his ear at the mouth of the patient, who straightway caught the ear between his teeth and proceeded to chew it until "its beauty had vanished." An arrest on a charge of mayhem followed the epileptic's return to consciousness, but a police justice discharged the prisoner, on the ground that he was not responsible for what he might have done while in a fit.—*N. Y. Med. Journal*.

HOMŒOPATHY.—Prof. Bartholow, in his address on medicine, delivered to the last meeting of the American Medical Association, pays his respects to homœopathy in the following language: "Left to its own course, homœopathy has practically died out on the continent. The success of such wretched puerilities, such inanities as the homœopathic practice consists of, does more to lower the position of the medical profession than any other cause. The false statistics published as facts, accepted as true,