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Medical Items.

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DR. OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES was eighty-four years of age on the 29th of August, when he was enjoying good health.

DR. J. EDGAR has been temporarily appointed superintendent of the Hamilton Hospital in the place of Dr. Olmsted, resigned.

DRS. B. E. MCKENZIE and FREDERICK WINNETT have been added to the staff of demonstrators of Anatomy in the Medical Faculty of the University of Toronto.