

HOSPITAL APPOINTMENT.

At the usual quarterly meeting of the Board of Governors of the Montreal General Hospital, held on Tuesday, February 5, Dr. D. C. MacCallum was appointed to the vacancy created in the Medical Staff by the death of the late Dr. Crawford.

MEDICAL NEWS.

The king of Belgium has just created eighteen of the most distinguished physicians in his kingdom, knights of the Order of St. Leopold. The Belgian government has just decided on according an allowance of 50 per cent on the conveyance by the State railways of alimentary substances destined for hospitals and other charitable institutions.—M. Hyrtl, one of the most distinguished professors in the Medical School of Vienna, was, early in January, dangerously ill. The Professor had been scratched by a cat, and imprudently attended the dissecting-room immediately afterwards. The left arm became intensely diseased, and Dr. Schuh had represented to Prof. Hyrtl that amputation was absolutely necessary to give him a chance of life. He had, however, firmly refused to submit to the operation.—In Manchester, England, out of every hundred thousand infants born, less than fifty thousand are alive at the end of six years, and but thirty-nine thousand at the age of twenty. In Liverpool, out of every hundred thousand persons born, about forty-five thousand arrive at the age of twenty.—A Yankee doctor has contrived to extract from sauses a powerful tonic, which he says contains the whole strength of the original bark; he calls it the "Sulphate of Canina." He anticipates a great popularity in New York City.—A letter from Rio Janeiro in the *Courier Mercantile* of Genoa, mentions a slave 100 years old, of the name of Francesco Tommassa Da Sala, now living on a plantation a few miles from the capital. He was born in 1747, and had fourteen sons, who became fathers of 160 grand-children, from whom sprang 70 great-grand-children, having, in their turn, up to the present time, produced 5 children, making a grand total of 219 persons, issued from one person, still alive.—The *New York Journal of Homopathy* is dead, says the *Scalpel*. We did not learn the cause of its decease, but suppose it was cerebral atrophy. Dr. Kirby has been treating it for a long time with the "high potencies" of brain, but it would not answer. We don't believe even Shrewsburys would have saved it, i.e., if elaborated by such a digester. No wonder it died from clams, molasses, and mince-pie.—The *Lockport Journal* recently published a case of frightful death of a little girl aged three years, who died with symptoms of hydrophobia, following the bite of a rabid cat over the eye, about five weeks previously.—Mr. John D. Fink, a wealthy old bachelor in New Orleans, recently deceased, has left nearly the whole of his large fortune of \$500,000 for the erection of an Asylum in that city for Protestant widows, to be called the "Fink Asylum."—The mortality of London is 24 to 25 in 1000; in Berlin it is the same; in Turin, it is 26 in 1000; in Paris, 23 in 1000; in Genoa, 31 in 1000; in Lyons, 33 in 1000; in Hamburg, 36 in 1000; in Moscow, 38 in 1000; in St. Petersburg, 41 in 1000; in Stockholm, 39 in 1000; and in Vienna, 49 in 1000. The mortality of the different countries of Europe is as follows:—In England, 23 in 1000; in Denmark, the same; in Holland, 24 in 1000; in France, 25 in 1000; in Sweden, 24 in 1000; in Prussia, 28 in 1000; in Sardinia, 30 in 1000; in Austria, 31 in 1000; and in Russia, 36 in 1000.—Professor Johnston, of Durham, England, the author of the *Chemistry of Common Life*, and other valuable scientific works, we regret to learn has recently died.—Archibald Arnott, M.D., died on the 10th of July, at the age of 84. He was known as one of the medical attendants of the Emperor Napoleon in his last illness.—Amongst the late promotions in the army in the Crimea, we find that Dr. Hall is raised to the rank of K.C.B., like Sir James MacGrigor, and other Knights of the Bath.—The *Senatus Academicus* of the Edinburgh University have voted to Dr. Alison the sum of £250 a year, as a retiring allowance, from funds at their disposal.—A hint has been thrown out by M. Teissier of Lyons, that wards might be set apart, in hospitals, wherein such vapors might be discharged as are most likely to benefit patients laboring under pulmonary complaints.