

Medical Items.

—A centenary festival is to be held in Munich to commemorate the distinguished services to science of Ohm, the great physicist.

—The battle between the Members' Association and the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons, has assumed an acute form. It is easy to predict the result.

—We are sorry to learn that Prof. Westphal, of Berlin, is so ill that he has been compelled to resign his professorship. Erb, of Heidelberg, is mentioned as his successor.

—Prof. Kahn, of Prague, succeeds the late Prof. Bamberger as director of the second Medical Clinic in the University of Vienna. A third Medical Clinic has been instituted in the same university, the directorship of which has been entrusted to Schrötter, the celebrated laryngologist.

—The annual meeting of the National Association of Railway Surgeons will be held at St. Louis, Mo., on Thursday and Friday, May 2nd and 3rd, 1889. The prospects are that this will be one among the largest gatherings of medical men ever assembled in this country. Dr. W. B. Outten, of St. Louis, is the chairman of the committee of arrangements, and everything will be complete for the accommodation of the surgeons. Any information desired can be had by addressing the secretary, C. B. Stemen, M.D., Fort Wayne, Ind.

RETURNING DIPLOMAS.—The Minister of the Interior of the Ottoman Empire has recently promulgated a decree whereby the diploma of a deceased physician or pharmacist must be returned to the medical school. This is an excellent measure, in so far as it will prevent, in a large manner, the use of these diplomas by quacks who have heretofore availed themselves of these opportunities. A case of this character occurred in Algeria not long since, a druggist's assistant having been discovered as practising under the protection of the diploma of a deceased physician.—*St. Louis Med. and Surg. Journal.*

A BULLET IN THE CHEST FOR THIRTEEN YEARS.—Dr. C. R. Macdonald recently removed a rifle bullet from a man which had been in the chest for thirteen years. The case is chiefly remarkable from the fact that the bullet had remained in the