

## Medical Items.

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Dr. Laphorn Smith, who has been studying in Europe during the summer, has returned to Montreal. Following the example of the European gynæcologists, he is forming a class (post graduate), limited to six practitioners, each course of demonstration lasting a month.

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UNIVERSITY SENATE ELECTION.—The following are the results of the recent election. There were 1,301 ballots cast in arts: Prof. Alfred Baker, 1,118; Mr. Wm. Dale, 1,052; Hon. Sir Wm. R. Meredith, 1,033; Prof. Maurice Hutton, 966; Mr. A. B. Aylesworth, Q.C., 818; Mr. John King, Q.C., 794; Mr. J. L. McDougall, 779; Mr. Wm. Houston, 767; Rev. Prof. Ballantyne, 743; Prof. W. H. Ellis, 719; Prof. A. B. Macallum, 714; Mr. W. H. Ballard, 704. Elected. The other candidates were: Mr. J. H. Coyne, 684; Mr. W. H. Bunting, 683; Mr. Walter Barwick, 525; Mr. W. F. Maclean, M.P., 435. There were 919 ballots cast in medicine: Dr. Jas. E. Graham, 740; Dr. A. H. Wright, 699; Dr. W. H. B. Aikins, 528; Dr. I. H. Cameron, 505. Elected. The other candidate was Dr. James M. McCallum, 481. There were 181 ballots cast in law: Mr. W. R. Riddell, 127; Hon. Mr. Justice Street, 106. Elected. The other candidate was Mr. J. M. Clark, 93. The High School representatives were: Mr. J. Henderson, 246; Mr. H. I. Strang, 245. Elected. The other candidate was Mr. H. B. Spotton, 169. The Victoria representatives elected by acclamation were: Rev. A. H. Reynar, Mr. J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., Rev. Albert Carman, Mr. Henry Hough, Prof. A. R. Bain.

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### NAPOLEON AS SCHENCK'S PREDECESSOR.

Napoleon's opinion on the determination of sex was less prolix and more easily followed than the present theory of Dr. Schenck's, with which we are all familiar if we may judge from a letter dated August 31, 1806, addressed to the Princess Augusta, the wife of Prince Eugene. In this epistle the emperor advises his sister, who was then in an interesting condition, to take good care of herself, and adds: "Try not to have a daughter. I will give you a receipt to this end, but you may not believe in it; that is, drink water and wine daily." This receipt is simple and much easier to follow than Dr Schenck's. It appears, however, that it is either not infallible or else the princess did not follow it, for she had a girl.—*Le Nord Medical.*