

the addition of a summer session, the didactic and the practical work could easily be re-arranged. Certainly the time has come for dividing absolutely the work of the different years. Fewer didactic lectures; increased laboratory instruction, particularly in the dissecting-room; junior and senior classes in the Hospital, practical examinations in all departments—these are the changes to which boards and schools must alike look forward.

Yours, etc., WILLIAM OSLER.

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Medical Items.

—Dr. W. H. Gaskell has been awarded a medal by the Royal Society for his researches in the anatomy and physiology of the sympathetic nervous system.

—Prof. Eulenburg, of Berlin, the editor of the *Real-Encyclopædie der Gesammten Heilkunde*, has recently celebrated his silver jubilee as a medical teacher.

—The late Professor Ricord has bequeathed the sum of 10,000 francs to the Academy of Medicine, the interest of which is to be devoted bi-annually for a prize in any subject the Academy may determine.

OBITUARY.—Through the death of Gaetano La Loggia, Italy has lost a distinguished citizen, and medicine one of her ablest students. For many years he held the chair of physiology in the University of Palermo, and for some time the chair of biology in the University of Turin. He, however, not only taught physiology with effect, but also taught the Italian youth the priceless value of civil and religious liberty: His part in the regeneration of Italy was a prominent one. For a number of years previous to his death he was director of the Palermo Asylum, and devoted his great energies to the elucidation of scientific questions relating to his special department.

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