

Medical Items.

—Drs. E. A. Robertson and W. A. Farwell have been appointed Resident Medical Officers to the Montreal Maternity for the ensuing year.

—Drs. Hamilton, Morrow, Spier, Grafton and Tatley have been appointed Resident Medical Officers to the Montreal General Hospital for the ensuing year.

—Any qualified practitioner desirous of succeeding to a lucrative practice in one of the most flourishing cities of the North-West, can obtain particulars by applying to the Editors of this JOURNAL.

—The J. B. Lippincott Company of Philadelphia announce that during the present month they will issue the first number of a quarterly periodical to be known as "International Clinics." This work will comprise clinical lectures on general medicine, surgery, and the different specialties delivered in the leading medical schools of the United States, Great Britain and Canada. The object is to furnish the busy practitioner and medical student with the most advanced and practical clinical thoughts of the day. Each volume will consist of over 350 octavo pages, illustrated with photographic reproductions of important cases.

COMPULSORY LATIN.—To the controversy as to the continuance of Greek as a compulsory subject at the Universities, raised by Mr. Welldon's paper at the Head Masters' Conference, Prof. J. Stuart Blackie has contributed a remarkable letter, published by the *Times* on January 21st—remarkable in itself, and still more remarkable as coming from one whose great reputation was made as a teacher of Greek. As to the necessity for learning Greek in order to obtain a reasonable standard of culture, Prof. Blackie employs a most pungent argument. "The Greeks," he writes, "learned no language but their mother tongue, and were nothing the less the wisest people in the ancient world and the teachers of wisdom to all generations." But he goes a good deal further than the head masters of Harrow and of Rugby; he calls in question the supreme