

## Medical Items.

—Sir James A. Grant, M.D., of Ottawa, will, we are pleased to learn, deliver the introductory lecture at the opening of the fifty-fifth session of the Medical Faculty of McGill University, on Monday, the 3rd of October, 1887.

—The hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the foundation of the University of Göttingen was celebrated during the second week in August. Numerous delegates from many European Universities were present.

—It has at last been decided to have a Board of Health for this Province. The following gentlemen constitute it:—Drs. Garneau, Lemieux, Rinfret and Pelletier. It is to be hoped that health matters will now receive that attention which they deserve.

—Prof. Hermann Munk, the distinguished physiologist in the Berlin Veterinary School, has recently received congratulations from all quarters on the completion of the twenty-fifth year of his work in that institution. Prof. Munk's work in connection with the localization of the cortical special centres is of great importance, and it is to be hoped that he may still live to work and to clear up one of the most difficult problems of physiology.

**BROMIDIA.**—Dr. W. H. May, of New York city, writes as follows: "I have had very successful results in the administration of bromidia in cases having their origin in disorders of the nervous system, such as cholera infantum, paralysis, insomnia, etc. *But I find it to be of special value in treatment of delirium tremens and the results of debauch*; it being retained upon the stomach and speedily controlling the most dangerous symptoms, and producing the desired calmness and sleep necessary when morphia and other soporifics have failed to do so, and thus rendering the disorder amenable to further treatment. I have also prescribed it successfully in the terrible state of nervous exhaustion due to opium habitues endeavoring to relinquish the habit. And, finally, as the result of experience, I pronounce it the hypnotic *par excellence*."