

## Medical Items.

—During the past summer session there were 5,122 students in the University of Vienna. Of this number 2,310 were medicals.

—Drs. Leube, Liebermeister and Lichtheim have each been named as the probable successor of Prof. Gerhardt, who has recently been translated from the Wurzburg to the Berlin Medical Klinik.

—Dr. T. W. Mills, who has been lately engaged in a very important series of original researches at the Marine Zoological Laboratory at Beauport, North Carolina, has returned to continue his investigations at the Johns-Hopkins University, Baltimore.

—A curious fraud is reported to have been perpetrated near Buxton. One William Mellor became ill, and was attended by a medical man. On recovery, he shaved his beard and otherwise altered his appearance, presented himself to the doctor as the brother of the sick man, and announced the death of the patient. Acting on this information, the doctor gave a certificate, which enabled Mr. Mellor to register his own death, and draw his burial money from a benefit society. He then made off, and has perhaps gone to die in some other part of the country in a manner equally advantageous to himself.

**BELLADONNA IN THE TREATMENT OF INTESTINAL OBSTRUCTION.**—Dr. T. J. Hudson (*Med. Times and Gazette*) thinks that in these cases the best way to use belladonna is to apply the extract to the abdomen with very hot poultices, and to give one or two grains of the extract as a suppository every hour, or inject 1-120 of a grain of atropine every two hours until slight dilatation of the pupil is maintained. If the pain continues, and is serious, an injection of 1-80 of a grain of atropine, with  $\frac{1}{3}$  of a grain of morphinn, is the best, as it combats depression and nausea. Morphine alone often increases the obstruction by causing or increasing nausea and, in the early stage of intussus-