

—The late Prof. Gross of Philadelphia set a noble example in having ordered his body to be cremated. If every member of the medical profession who dies in the present year could be induced to make the same arrangements for the disposal of his remains, cremation would soon become fashionable.

—The American Medical Association held its annual meeting in Washington last week. Judging from the reports to hand, the session must have been a great success. The elder Gross was lying on his death bed at the time, and when asked if he had any word to send the Association said in a feeble voice, "Give them my love." A special committee, of which Dr. Billings is chairman, was formed to arrange for the meeting of the International Medical Congress in the United States three years hence. We notice with pleasure that our old esteemed friend, Dr. Botsford, of St. John, was present as delegate from the Canadian Medical Association, and was invited to a seat on the platform. He was accompanied by Dr. Steens, also of New Brunswick.

ONE GOOD EFFECT OF LISTERISM.—Since the introduction of antiseptics into Germany and Austria, German surgeons no longer, it is said, wear mourning under their finger-nails.

EFFICACY OF BICHLORIDE OF MERCURY IN RINGWORM.—In the February number of the *Journal of Cutaneous and Venereal Diseases*, Dr. R. W. Taylor recommends a solution of corrosive sublimate in the treatment of the various forms of ringworm. He found that the efficacy of the mercury was much enhanced by dissolving it in tincture of myrrh. The strength of the solution was four grains to the ounce. Eczema marginatum, and ringworm in general, were readily cured by thoroughly painting the affected parts with this parasiticide solution. It was applied twice daily. He believes that the tincture of the gum-resins make excellent vehicles for various agents in the treatment of skin diseases.