

## Medical Items.

—Péan delivered his last lecture at the St. Louis Hospital on December 24, 1892, having reached the age at which the surgeons are compelled to retire.

—The spring term of the London Post-Graduate Course (4th year) began January 16th and continues to March 11th; the summer term begins May 1st and continues to June 24th; and the winter term, October 9th to December 2nd.

—Pasteur celebrated his seventieth birthday on the 27th of December last by a reception held in the amphitheatre of the Sorbonne. The President of the Republic, all the high government officials, the members of the Academy and the leading scientists were present to congratulate him. Addresses were presented from England, Russia, Germany, and many other countries.

A GYNÆCOLOGICAL ERROR.—Dr. George Ross, of Richmond, Va., reports the case of a woman who had suffered from unremitting, agonizing tenesmus, the result of a mass which she had carried in her bladder for seven years, and which proved on inspection to be a pledget of absorbent cotton once saturated with iodine, a truncated cone in shape, and thinly incrustated with phosphate of calcium. The patient believed that it had been introduced by her first physician, who, when attempting to apply some intra-uterine dressing, had mistaken the urethra for the cervical canal.