

Medical Items.

DR. A. W. MOODY has been appointed superintendent of the General Hospital at Winnipeg.

DR. RICHARD A. REEVE has been elected Dean of the Medical Faculty of the University of Toronto.

DR. J. ALGERNON TEMPLE, of Toronto, started on a trip to Great Britain and the Continent May 14.

DRS. NEW, Stevenson, English, and Belton have been appointed on the staff of the London General Hospital for the summer months.

DR. G. STERLING RYERSON, of Toronto, reached London, England, May 10. He expects to return to Canada about the middle of June.

DR. HOBBS, of the London Asylum for the Insane, has gone to New York to spend some weeks among the hospitals there as a further preparation for the continuance of his gynecological work among the insane.

DR. W. H. B. AIKINS, at a regular meeting of the Senate of the University of Toronto, held in April, was elected a member of that body in the place of the late Dr. Laughlin McFarlane, the vote standing 19 to 10.

THE CLUB DOCTOR.—Labor leaders may say what they will, the struggle for existence is keenest by far in the ranks of the professional class. Go lower, and you will rarely find the determined stand against contending odds which, for instance, the struggling doctor makes to earn a wretched living for himself and family. Few follow in Dickens' footsteps and write the quaint, pitiful romance of the shabby genteel, and yet there is infinite pathos in their sad efforts to keep the wolf from the door and their heads above the social slough into which Mrs. Grundy is longing to plunge them. Club doctors are the slave class of the medical profession. For a fixed salary of, at most, £100, they are bound down to a slavery from which there is no respite day or night. The members of the club may number some eight or nine hundred, and some of these or their families are in constant need of medical attendance. Ever at their beck and call, summoned on the most trifling occasions, their doctor must tramp the streets at all times and in all weathers. His bell is always jangling, and he comes home only to set out again. Backward and forward he plods along the grimy streets of the wretched suburb where his practice lies, passing only from one scene of squalid sickness to another, and forced to use his poor remedies where rest and generous diet are alone needed. All the