

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees held on Wednesday, November 30th, 1892, Dr. G. E. de Schweinitz was elected Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology in the Jefferson Medical College. At the time of his election, Dr. de Schweinitz was Professor of Ophthalmology in the Philadelphia Polyclinic and Lecturer on Medical Ophthalmoscopy in the University of Pennsylvania.

DR. T. S. CULLEN (Tor., '90) was in Toronto in the latter part of December. He is still at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, acting as assistant to Dr. Howard Kelly in gynecological work. He says that he and Dr. L. F. Barker are likely to remain in the Johns Hopkins for a considerable time. Dr. Barker is working at medicine and pathology.

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#### DEATH FROM COCAINE.

Richardiere records an accidental death from this drug, and states that he has made autopsies in eleven cases in which death has resulted from the injection of cocaine. In his case death followed the injection of half an ounce of a one and one-half per cent. solution of cocaine into the tunica vaginalis testis, preparatory to the injection of iodine for the cure of hydrocele.

The solution of cocaine was withdrawn after less than a minute, and the iodine injected. In a little while the patient returned, complained of great weakness, had clonic and then tetanic convulsions, became comatose, and died with cardiac syncope.

At the autopsy there was found general congestion of the meninges and lungs, mitral insufficiency, and alcoholic lesions in the viscera. The tunica vaginalis did not communicate with the peritoneal cavity.—*Boston Med. and Surg. Jour.*

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#### THE NEW OPERATING THEATRE OF ROOSEVELT HOSPITAL.

An interesting event, and a notable one in the history of Roosevelt Hospital, was the formal opening, on November 31d, of the new William J. Syme operating theatre. This magnificent addition to the hospital, which is without doubt the most thoroughly-equipped structure of its kind in the world, owes its existence to Dr. Charles McBurney, of the surgical staff, whose representations to the late Mr. Syme secured the funds for its erection and maintenance. It is now about two years since the latter died, leaving in his will the sum of \$350,000 for this purpose. Of this, \$200,000 has been spent on the building, and the remaining \$150,000 will be used as an endowment fund for its maintenance.—*The Medical Age.*

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#### THE ELEVENTH INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CONGRESS.

Dr. A. Jacobi announces that the American sub-committee has the following membership: Drs. W. T. Briggs, of Nashville; H. P. Bowditch, of Boston; S. C. Busey, of Washington; C. Cushing, of San Francisco; N. S. Davis, of Chicago; A. Jacobi, of New York (chairman); Norman W. Dingsley, of New York; William Osler, of Baltimore; Wm. Pepper, of Philadelphia; F. Peyre Porcher, of Charleston; Charles A. L. Reed, of Cincinnati; D. B. St. John Roosa, of New York; A. J. C. Skene, of Brooklyn; and James Stewart, of Montreal. The secretary-general informs the committee that the French Railway Company has offered to the members of the congress a reduction of fifty per cent. on its fare.—*N. Y. Med. Jour.*