

Medical Items.

—Professor Hüter of Griefswald, the celebrated German surgeon, died last month, aged 44, of kidney disease.

—Mr. H. P. Gisborne has been appointed Canadian agent, with his head-quarters in Toronto, for Messrs. Reed & Carnrick, manufacturers of Maltine, and also for the New York Pharmacal Association, manufacturers of Lactopeptine.

MEDICAL CANDIDATES FOR PARLIAMENTARY HONORS.—There seems to be an unusual number of medical men brought out as candidates for Parliamentary honors in the approaching Dominion elections. The names of those already announced are as follows: Dr. Wilson, East Elgin; Dr. Landerkin, S. Grey; Dr. Sproule, E. Grey; Dr. Sullivan, Kingston; Dr. St. Jean, Ottawa; Dr. Platt, Prince Edward; Dr. Ferguson, Welland; Dr. Chamberlain, Dundas; Dr. Sloan, E. Huron; Dr. Springer, South Wentworth; Dr. Samson, Kent; Dr. Bergin, Stormont; Dr. Bowlby, N. Waterloo; Dr. Gravel, Beauce; Dr. Lesage, Dorchester; Dr. St. George, Portneuf, Que.; Dr. Borden, Kings, and Dr. Forbes, Queens, N.S.

OBSERVATIONS ON THE DIGESTIVE FERMENTS.—By WILLIAM ROBERTS, M.D., F.R.S.—“If properly prepared, malt extracts are rich in Diastase, and have a high power in digesting starchy matters. But you will be surprised to learn, as I was, that a large proportion of the malt extracts of commerce have no action on starch. This is owing to a high temperature having been used in their preparation. Any heat above above 150° Far. is destructive to Diastase in solution, so that if the extract be evaporated, as is directed by the German Pharmacopœia, at a temperature of 212° Far., it is necessarily inert on starch. Out of fourteen trade samples of malt extract examined by Messrs. Dunston and Dimmock, *only three* possessed the power of acting on starch. These brands were MALTINE, Corbÿn, Stacey & Co.'s Extract, and Keppler's Malt Extract.”—*Brit. Med. Journal.*