

Medical Items.

— Dr. R. P. Howard, having resigned the position of Vice-President of the International Medical Congress, to be held in Washington next year, Dr. J. A. Grant of Ottawa has been appointed to the same office by the Executive Committee.

— Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, called by the *Hospital Gazette* the “venerable and much bedoctored Breakfast Table Professor,” has received the following degrees during his recent visit to Great Britain: D.C.L., Oxon; Litt. Doc., Cantab.; LL.D., Edin., and LL.D., Dublin.

ARSENIC IN SKIN DISEASES.—The Editor of the *Journal of Cutaneous and Venereal Diseases* is desirous of ascertaining to what extent arsenic is used by American physicians in the treatment of skin diseases, and also the results of their experience as to its therapeutical value. Information upon the following points is requested of every physician who reads this:—

Are you in the habit of employing arsenic, generally, in the treatment of skin diseases?

In what diseases of the skin have you found arsenic of superior value to other remedies?

What ill effects, if any, have you observed from its use?

What preparation of the drug do you prefer, and in what doses do you employ it?

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ANOTHER HERMAPHRODITE.—Among the replies to an advertisement of a musical committee for “a candidate as organist, music-teacher, &c.” was the following one: “Gentlemen,—I noticed your advertisement for an organist and music-teacher, either lady or gentleman. Having been both for several years, I offer you my services.”

“THE OTHER SIDE OF COCAINE—THE BAD SIDE,” was the subject of a paper presented by Dr. A. W. Calhoun, of this city, to the State Medical Association, in Augusta, last week. The doctor argues strongly against the use of cocaine in cataract operations by extraction. He stated that before he began