

Drs. Osler and J. B. Howard have reached Berlin, where they purpose spending two or three months in the pathological laboratories and lecture-rooms of that great medical centre.

Dr. John Gardner, brother of our esteemed Professor of Gynecology, intends hanging out his shingle in Point St. Charles. We predict for him a very prosperous future.

Drs. Fergusson (medallist, 1884), Johnson and Graham have been elected to the resident positions in the Hospital made vacant by the resignations of Drs. Gardner, Gray and Henry.

Dr. James C. Irvine (McGill, '66), is whiling away a few months of leisure as surgeon of the "Circassian." The doctor spent several years on the west coast of Africa, where he appears to have practised his profession most successfully.

We had the pleasure of meeting our old and esteemed friend Dr. Wickwire of Halifax the other day, when passing through that city. We hope to see him in Montreal at the meeting of the Canada Medical Association in August.

Medical Items.

—Twenty ladies graduated at the Woman's Medical College of Philadelphia at the last commencement.

—The "Planet," edited by Dr. E. C. Nelson, of New York has been discontinued. It will be missed by those who enjoyed the piquant humour peculiar to it.

—Carbolic acid is the best disinfectant for phthisical sputum, according to the experiments of Drs. Schull and Fischer. A five per cent. solution will disinfect an equal amount of sputum.

—In 1866, carbolic acid first appears in the dispensary-books of King's College Hospital, in which year it cost £5 8s. Last year the Hospital paid £126 for this article alone. Notwithstanding this, however, the average drug expenditure has considerably diminished in that time, the adoption of antisepticism being thus an economical move in spite of the high price of carbolic acid.