

Medical Items.

—The celebrated Berlin physician, Prof. Frerichs, has been raised to the order of nobility. This is the fourth physician who has lately received the honor, the others being Von Langenbeck, Ranke and Lauer.

—Drs. McLean and Duncan, of Fergus Falls, Minn., have recently been appointed surgeons to one district of the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Railway. Their many friends will be glad to hear of their increasing success in this western country.

—Dr. Weichselbaum of Vienna says that he has discovered tubercle bacilli in the blood of a patient affected with acute miliary tuberculosis. They were not numerous, and care had to be exercised in order to find them, yet they undoubtedly existed. If this proves to be true, it will give us a valuable means of arriving at a certain diagnosis in these cases. Tubercle bacilli have also been found in the blood in cases of tuberculous meningitis.

—It is high time for the profession to throw over, once for all, the foolish pedantry of writing the directions in a prescription in a language which ninety-nine out of a hundred prescribers are utterly ignorant of, even in its canine variety. The most obstinate Latinists at the College of Physicians probably agreed with us when they came across the following prescription by one of their members in last week's *Lancet* :

“**R** Infusi foliorum recentium saxifragæ, ̄ iii
(Faciât et aqua calida xcviii Fahr., per boras sex;
foliorum, 1 ; aquæ, x.)

Glycerini, - - - - - ̄ i Misce.

Fiat injectionem, ut bis die utendum.”

There is considerable naïvete about that prescription.—*Times*.

—At a meeting of the Society of Physicians in Berlin, on February 13th, Dr. Siegmund read the history of a case of chyluria in a man aged 45. The filaria was not present in this case, and Siegmund did not believe in it as a cause of chyluria. In the discussion which followed the reading of Siegmund's