

Personal.

Professor Bergmann has been elected Dean of the Medical Faculty of the University of Berlin for the coming year.

Medical Items.

— The International Medical Congress will meet in Rome from March 29th to April 5th, 1894.

— The number of students enrolled in the classes of the Medical Faculty of McGill University for the present session considerably exceeds that of any previous session.

— Dr. Harold C. Ernst, of Harvard University, has discovered a new bacillus in the fluid removed from a case of pericardial effusion. When cultivated it develops a bluish-green colour, which gradually deepens after some days. It is turned red by acids, and bright green by alkalies. Dr. Ernst has given this bacillus the name of *bacillus pyocyaneus pericarditis*.

— The contributions to the Semmelweis Memorial from England and the colonies amounts to \$400. It is to be hoped that this sum will be greatly increased. The father of antiseptic midwifery, like many another great man, received but little honour during his life. The memorial to him in his native city will prove a stimulus to future investigators.

PRESENTATION.—A very pleasant event took place on Friday evening, the 20th October, at the Manse, Dalhousie Mills, when a few of the numerous friends of Dr. Walter C. Cattnach (McGill, '86) met to offer him an address and a handsome gold-headed cane, on his departure for Europe; with their sincere and hearty good wishes for his safe return to his native county, at no very distant date.

— A young doctor, wishing to make a good impression upon a German farmer, mentioned the fact that he had received a double education, as it were. He had studied homeopathy, and was also a graduate of a "regular" medical school. "Oh, dot vas nodding," said the farmer; "I had vonce a calf vot suckd two cows, and he made nodding but a common schteer, after all."