

# Medical Items.

PROF. WILLIAM H. WELCH has resigned as dean of the Johns Hopkins Medical School.

THE Senate of the United States has recently passed a resolution preventing discrimination against graduates of legally chartered medical colleges in appointments to the medical calls of army, navy, and marine hospital service.

THE Prussian Minister of Finance, Herr Von Miguel, has proposed a plan for taxing professors of medicine who also practise. He thinks that any professor enjoying a practice worth \$5,000 per annum should receive no salary.

AN amusing tale is told by a country doctor in England. He had been attending for a considerable period a parson, and according to custom, now fortunately becoming antiquated there, attending him *gratis*. When in due course the parson died, his widow wrote to inquire how much the doctor would allow her for the medicine bottles.

THE GENERAL PRACTITIONER.—Dr. Joseph Price, of Philadelphia, says (*Denver Medical Times*): "The great broadening of our therapeutical resources, and our great advance in both general and special surgery are largely due to our general practitioners. From their ranks came the fathers. They have not indulged in lofty flights, but have stayed down on the ground and followed the plain, simple ways of common-sense."

THE LATE DR. WM. PEPPER.—We learn from *The N. Y. Medical Journal* that the name and fame of Dr. Pepper are to be perpetuated in Philadelphia by the erection of a bronze statue by the Department of Archæology and Palæontology of the University of Pennsylvania. Two provisions of his will have been complied with: his dead body has been cremated; his brain has been given to the Anthropometric Society of which he was a member.

## OBITUARY.

DR RICHARD USSHER TOPP.—Dr. R. U. Topp, of Toronto, died September 6th, after a short illness from typhoid fever. He graduated in 1839, and practised in Muskoka until 1894 when he removed to Toronto.

DR. HENRY B. EVANS.—Dr. Evans, of Picton, died suddenly in the office of Dr. Philip, September 9th. He was born in Brighton, England, 1820, and became M.R.C.S. in 1842. He was in the service of the East India Company for many years. He came to Canada in 1857, and, after practising for a few years in Kingston, removed to Picton, where he was engaged in professional work up to the time of his death.

WILLIAM PEPPER, M.D., LL.D.—America has lost one of her greatest men through the death of Dr. Wm. Pepper, of Philadelphia, which occurred in California, July 28th, 1898. He graduated in arts and medicine in the University of Pennsylvania in 1862 and 1864, respectively. He became lecturer in chemical medicine in his *alma mater* in 1870, and professor of clinical medicine in 1876. He was elected provost of the University of Pennsylvania in 1881 and remained in that position until 1894. When he retired he presented the university with a gift of \$50,000. He occupied many prominent positions in connection with medical organizations, and was honored and respected throughout the whole civilized world. His age was 55, and angina pectoris is said to have been the cause of his sudden death.