

Medical Items.

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—The thirty-sixth annual session will be held in New Orleans, La., on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, April, 28th, 29th, 30th, and May 1st, commencing on Tuesday 11 at a.m.

PERSONAL.—Drs. W. J. Johnston and Ruttan, (McGill 84') left New York on Friday last, by the North German Lloyd line, for Berlin via Bremen. While there, Dr. Johnston intends pursuing the study of Pathology, and Dr. Ruttan, that of Chemistry.

—Mr. Lawson Tait says: "The amount of worry which is given him by every case of hysterectomy, even when successful, is such as to be almost beyond the recompense of any fee; and the disappointment inflicted by every death is quite indiscrutable."

—Iowa is the illiterate physician's paradise, no requirement being made for the practice of medicine. If a man or woman has the gift of gab, lots of cheek, especially if he or she can dress well and make a good appearance, they will succeed in making a practice. The less education he has the better. Little or no moral character required, either. This is the status of the medical profession in Iowa.—*Iowa State Med. Journal.*

—No nation hankers for the honor of originating venereal disease. The Neapolitans call it the French disease; the French, the disease of Naples; the Poles call it the German disease; Hollanders and Englishmen refer it to Spain; the Orientals lay it to the Franks, the Persians to the Turks; the Portuguese christen it Castelian and the Chinese call it the disease of Canton. Other peoples follow the same rule as those mentioned. Syphilis has no father who is willing to stand responsible for its birth.

—A correspondent of the *Journal of the American Medical Association* is impressed with the number of operations for the amputation of the cervix uteri performed in Berlin. He thinks few women in Berlin can have normally preserved uteri. He says the students have a saying that there is not a woman living on the street with Martin's Hospital who has an entire cervix uteri. The temptation to resort to an operation for the glory of publishing statistics and for achieving renown is a great one, and is inflicting injury upon gynæcology. Indeed, other departments of surgery are not unscathed.